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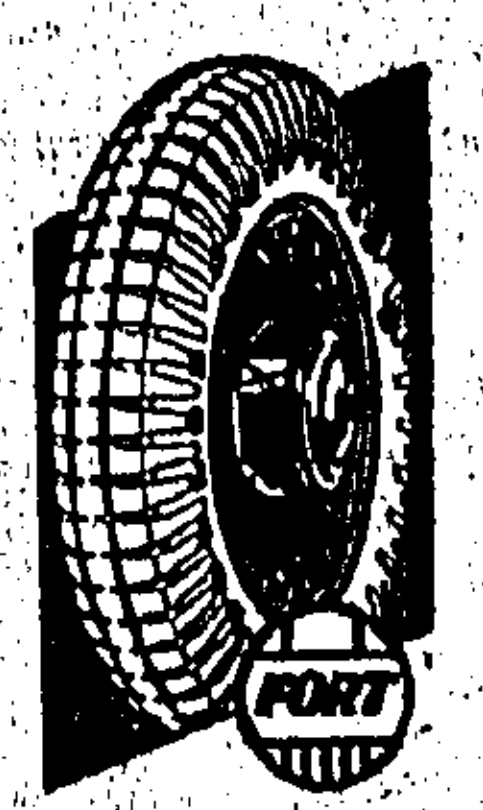
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## ARMED ROBBERY SEQUEL.

Allegations Against Police.

### A RAIN OF BLOWS?

The case was resumed at the Assizes this morning, in which two Chinese are charged in connection with an armed robbery which occurred at 6 and 7, Kak Hang Village, Kowloon City, on the evening of October 16.

Kwok Chun, a male inmate of the house, who had identified the first accused and brought about his arrest in Shamshuipo, was recalled for cross-examination by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, counsel for the defence.

Witness said that neither Chinese Constable C203 nor C217 at any time told him where the first accused lived. He also denied that any European or Chinese Police officer, or any outsider had at any time told him where No. 1 lived.

A General Search.  
On October 18, two days after the robbery, witness went out with Constables C203 and C217 to look for robbers generally and not for any particular man.

They left the Kowloon City Police Station by bus at 10 a.m. and went to Mongkok. Then, up to 2 p.m., they spent their time walking about between Mongkok and Shamshuipo. Witness saw the first accused in Shamshuipo at 2 p.m. and pointed him out to the two constables.

At the same time the first accused also saw the witness, and, noticing his motion to the constables, the accused ran. The constables gave chase and accused was arrested in a back lane.

Then the accused was handcuffed and they all boarded a bus and went to the Yau-mati Police Station.

He Did Not See.  
Replying to further questions by Mr. Lo, witness said that he did not see C217, immediately after the first accused's arrest, twist his right arm behind him and strike him on the back. He admitted that C203 went to C217's assistance and helped him to hold the accused. Witness did not see C203 twist the first accused's left arm behind him and also strike him on the back.

Mr. Lo: I put it to you that both constables raised a number of blows on the first prisoner?—I did not see that. I only saw him handcuffed shortly after his arrest.

Is it right to say that you never saw his arrest, and that when you saw him it was near the bus stopping station and he was already handcuffed?—That is not correct. I saw his arrest.

Woman Tied Up.  
A woman inmate of the house was the next witness called by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General. She said that the robbers, numbering five, came at about 6.45 p.m. on October 16. She noticed only one armed man, and he carried a short firearm. She recognised first accused as the man who tied her up.

The case proceeded in the afternoon.

## UNLIKELY STORY.

"First time I have heard that," remarked Mr. Schofield in the Central Court this morning, when a Chinese, charged with possession of a quantity of illicit opium, pleaded guilty, and stated that a man had forced him to carry the opium, threatening to assault him if he refused.

The Magistrate—You did not think you could get even with him by handing the opium straight over to the Revenue Department?

Accused—He would also assault me in that case. (Laughter).

In imposing a fine of \$800 or five months' hard labour, His Worship stated to accused:—"I think you brought up that story in the cells."

## 28 NEW CASES

DIPHTHERIA SPREADING.

### WATCH FOOD!

INOCULATION NOT ADVISABLE.

Interviewed by a China Mail reporter this morning, with regard to the diphtheria scare, Dr. G. Pope, Medical Health Officer, admitted that the number of cases reported to date is definitely abnormal, but there is really nothing to create a panic about. The principal thing that Health Officers are concentrated upon is, of course, the tracing of the source of the disease. He anticipates that that will be accomplished soon, and then he does not think that much difficulty will be encountered in checking the trouble.

Asked if he would like to suggest the cause of the epidemic, Dr. Pope said that he had certain ideas on his mind but he would not like to express his opinion at present, preferring to have time to investigate his theory and make a statement when he was sure of it.

Power of Resistance.  
Asked as to the advisability of compulsory inoculation, Dr. Pope said that he would not advise it during an epidemic as in some cases that would have the effect of lowering the power of resistance. In fact, he would not like to advise one way or the other; it should be left to the better judgment of the public. He would not like to know that someone suffered from inoculation against their better judgment.

As to preventive measures, Dr. Pope said that the public should be very careful to see that their foodstuff does not become dust contaminated, and all food, particularly vegetables, should not be eaten when not properly cooked. In no circumstances should vegetables be eaten uncooked. Another important point is to keep away from crowds.

Mainly in Hong Kong.

Most of the cases reported, Dr. Pope said, have occurred in Hong Kong as distinct from Kowloon, but the disease is very widely distributed, and cases have been reported from everywhere, even isolated places, the Peak being as bad as any other locality. The only section of the population which has so far escaped is the Royal Navy, not a single case having occurred to date. Cases have occurred in the Army.

When told that there was a rumour that as many as six cases have occurred at the Y.M.C.A. Dr. Pope said that he was not aware of that, and on reference to his register, stated that there was only one case recorded from the "Y."

All Non-Chinese.

Since Christmas Eve, 23 cases have been reported. Whereas in the last few days the nationalities of patients have been wholly non-Chinese, Chinese cases have predominated in the earlier part of this month.

Replying to a suggestion that there is an insufficiency of anti-toxin in the Colony to cope with the present epidemic, Dr. Pope said that he could not deny, or confirm that rumour, but he would certainly think that there should be no shortage as this is the normal time of the year for diphtheria to occur and one would think that suppliers of anti-toxin would anticipate the

## PAPAL MASS IN ST. PETER'S.

Attended by Nineteen Cardinals.

CHEERS FOR THE POPE.

Vatican City, Yesterday.  
Nineteen Cardinals, including Monsignor Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, attended the Papal Mass in St. Peter's this morning. The appearance of the Pontiff, who was carried in a sedia gestatoria on the shoulders of six crimson-clad attendants, was the signal for prolonged cheers. The procession up the aisle



was headed by an attendant carrying a tall golden cross.—Reuter's Special Service.

## REPARATIONS.

MacDonald's Invitation To Laval.

Paris, Yesterday.  
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has invited M. Laval to confer shortly regarding the reparations policy of the two countries as a preliminary step to The Hague Conference, according to Havas Agency.—Reuter.

## GREAT FIRE.

1,100 Railway Workers Now Idle.

Altoona (Pennsylvania), Yesterday.  
Eleven hundred men have been rendered idle as the result of a fire in the Pennsylvania Railway workshops, which caused damage to the extent of \$1,500,000.—Reuter's American Service.

## U.S. MANOEUVRES.

Entire Naval and Air Forces.

Washington, Yesterday.  
It is officially announced that extensive joint manoeuvres by the entire United States naval and air forces will occur off Hawaii from February 6 to 11.—Reuter's American Service.

demand and replenish their stocks before now. In any case, Dr. Pope said, it was only a matter of two days or so to get supplies sent from Shanghai and other neighbouring places, so that there should be no scare on that account.

## Cheer-O Dance Off.

We are asked by the organisers to state that owing to the risk of spreading diphtheria, the dance by the Cheer-O Club, arranged to take place at the City Hall to-night, has been cancelled.

## CHEAP TEAS

AN ANOMALY AT HOME.

### PRESS PLEA

WARNING AGAINST RUIN.

London, To-day.

If the wholesale importation of cheap tea is allowed to continue many Empire Tea Companies will be ruined is emphasised by Thornley and Company, Mincing Lane rubber and tea share brokers in a letter to the Financial Times deploring that action has so far been taken by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reimpose a duty on foreign teas. In a leader on the subject the Financial Times recognises the anomaly of admitting Dutch East Indies produce to Britain duty free when it is largely responsible for the present crisis, but points out that a considerable proportion of British-owned Companies operate in the Dutch East Indies. Furthermore, the expense of tax collection and the possible diversion of Dutch competition to other markets are other factors to be considered. Nevertheless the machinery of the tax collection still exists and can be set in motion with the minimum of disturbance.—Reuter.

## EROS BACK.

London's Most Beloved Statue.

IN OLD POSITION.

London, To-day.

A few minutes before midnight the little god, Eros, London's most beloved statue (which was removed in 1925, owing to alterations in Piccadilly Circus), was unveiled in its old position to the cheers of thousands of theatre-goers, and others.—Reuter.

## MR. CHU CHAO-HSIN

May Be Appointed As Foreign Minister.

Nanking, Yesterday.

There is now a third candidate for the portfolio of Foreign Affairs, namely, Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, the others being Messrs. C. C. Wu and Eugene Chen. It is believed that if Mr. C. C. Wu insists upon assuming the Chairmanship of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, Mr. Chu Chao-hsin stands a good chance of receiving the appointment, as he is acceptable to both the Nanking and Canton groups of the present Plenary Session.

As it has been ordered that in view of the national crisis there will be no New Year holidays all Government officials will be working as usual.

Mr. Wang Chung-hui has telegraphed from The Hague resigning from the presidency of the Judicial Yuan, but both the Canton and Nanking groups, it is understood, have replied urging him to continue his work and return to China at the earliest opportunity.—Reuter.

## IS IT YOURS?

The Police authorities are seeking the owner of a camera, valued at about \$30, which was apparently left by a customer in the B.B.C. Curio Shop, Ice House Street, about ten days ago.

A fold of the shop was charged before Mr. Schofield with larceny of the camera by finding. He was remanded for a week in order that the owner might be traced.

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Quiet Opening After Holidays.

NO MATERIAL ALTERATIONS.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: The opening after the holidays was somewhat quiet, but rates were not materially altered at the morning session.

Sales.  
China Lights, \$27 1/4.  
Telephones (part paid), \$29 1/2.

## DRIZZLE AND MIST.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: A new anti-cyclone has formed over S.E. Mongolia.

A depression which formed to the West of Nagasaki last evening has moved to the N.E. of Kobe.

Forecast:—Easterly winds, fresh; generally overcast; drizzle and mist.

Rainfall.  
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—all. Total since January 1—30.39 inches against an average of 33.02 inches—deficit 2.63 inches.

Temperature.  
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	64
Macao	58
Pratas Island	72
Manilla	68
Foochow	58
Amoy	56
Swatow	61
Chefoo	52
Shanghai	38

Buyers.  
Waterboats, \$24.  
Providents (old), \$5 1/4.  
Providents (new), \$2 1/4.  
Hotels (old), \$15.15.  
Hotels (new), \$14.  
Chinese Estates, \$95.  
Trams, \$22.  
Cements (combined), \$19.40.  
Cements (old), \$12 1/2.  
Dairy Farms, \$29.  
Powells, \$3 1/4.  
Constructions (old), \$5.55.  
Constructions (new), \$1.90.  
Wharves, \$153.  
H. K. Lands, \$31 1/4.  
Realities, \$11.60.  
Ewas, Tia, 15.65.  
Telephones (part paid), \$29 1/4.  
Ropes, \$18.  
China Agricultural Development \$10.

Watsons, \$16.10.  
Amusements, \$19.90.

Sellers.  
Raubs, \$40.  
Trams, \$22 1/4.

Shanghai Quotations.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received, by cable, quotations of the following Shanghai stocks.

T. cds.

China Finance corp. 6.70  
International Investment Trust Co. (Ord.) 9.50  
Cathay Land 12.80  
Yangtze Finance Co. 6.80  
International Assurance Co. 4.75  
China Realty Co. 12.10  
Shanghai Lands 29.75  
New Engineerings 6.15  
Shanghai Docks 91.00  
Shanghai and Hongkew 220.00  
Wharves 220.00  
Shanghai Electric 38.50  
Shanghai Cottons 79.00  
Zong Sing Cottons 11.00  
American Asiatic Underwriters (Ord.) 34.00  
American Oriental Finance Corp. "B" 25.00  
Asia Realty "B" 28.00  
General Forge Products 7.00  
Gold and Bonds 1925 59%

## JAPAN'S CANDOUR

CONQUEST OF MANCHURIA.

### U.S. OPINION

GOVERNMENT'S SILENCE.

Washington, Yesterday.

Japan's notification that she will continue operations against Chinchow has been received by marked Government silence, but is interpreted in diplomatic circles as a frank confirmation that Japan fully intends completing the "conquest" of Manchuria.—Reuter's American Service.

### Earlier News.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

"So long as the Chinchow military authorities, while simulating an unaggressive attitude, continue to instigate and manipulate the movements of bandit organisations against the Japanese army as well as Japanese and other peaceful inhabitants, and so long as officers and men in Chinchow army continue to mingle in large numbers with these bandit groups, thereby rendering impossible to distinguish the latter from the regular troops, so long must the responsibility for the consequences of any action which may be entailed upon the Japanese army in self-defence rest entirely with the Chinese."

This quotation roughly sums up Japan's stand as expanded in a lengthy statement issued after the presentation of Japan's replies to Britain, America and France. It asserts that Japan has obtained irrefutable evidence that the Chinchow military authorities are carrying out systematic intrigues with bandits and enumerates various details showing how both Chinese troops and bandits are increasing in number and activity during the past few weeks.

The statement further describes the earnest attempts made to persuade Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang to withdraw from the purpose of avoiding a clash.

More Japanese Troops.  
The Cabinet has sanctioned the despatch of an additional mixed brigade of troops from Korea as reinforcements for Manchuria.—Reuter.

## RUN ON MOTOR PUMPS.

Thefts at Reclamation at Wanchai.

TWO ARRESTS MADE.

The prevalence of thefts of Duro motor pumps, used in connection with flushing systems on the reclamation in Wanchai, was remarked upon by Detective-Sub-Inspector Rozesky in the Central Police Court this morning, when two youths, Li Fan and Yuen Hong, were charged before Mr. Schofield with the theft of a Duro motor from 355 Lockhart Road. Li pleaded guilty to the charge. Yuen stated that, although he went to steal, he did not actually take anything. Li stood on his shoulders to gain entry to the house. There was another youth with them, but he was not caught.

The prosecuting officer said that on Saturday morning, first accused was arrested by a Chinese constable on duty in Tonococh Road, carrying a sack under his arm. The sack contained a Duro motor, also a pair of pliers and a spanner. Accused took a detective out and eventually the second man was arrested. The motor had been stolen from a pump house, on the roof of which were found other spanners. The lock of the door had been wrenched off.

He added that the pump was valued in all at about \$270. It was used for the flush system. There were about 4,000 of these pumps in the reclamation, and the stealing of them was becoming an epidemic. He had himself warned the landlords to put grilles on the pump-houses, instead of having fire doors and this locks. The Police were endeavouring to find the buyers or receivers of the pumps, but so far they were unsuccessful.

His Worship—Are they exported? Sub-Inspector Rozesky replied that he did not know; they might even be sold to building contractors.

The youths were remanded for 48 hours in Police custody.

## FALSE PASSPORTS.

Two Chinese, on charges of using false passports, pending banishment from this Colony, failed to appear before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning. They had their bail of \$1,500 each forfeited, on the application of Chief Detective-Inspector Reynolds.

Det-Sergeant MacDonald gave evidence of having served two orders at 12, Kwong Yuen Street East on December 23.

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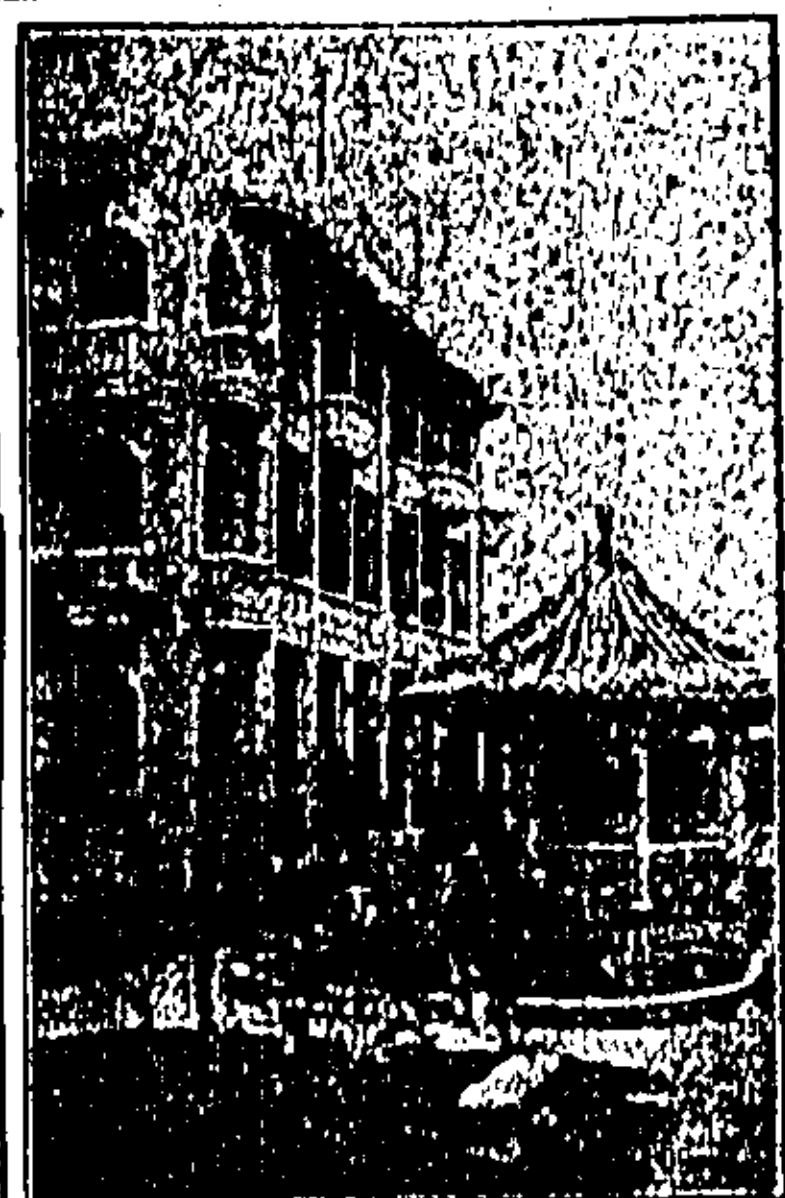
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## "THE DAWN PATROL."

Richard Barthelmess, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Neil Hamilton share honours in this picture, which started its run at the Queen's Theatre yesterday. The cast is entirely male and there is in support of the leaders a fine combination of bright faces, keen youths.

The story is an episode of the glorious doings of the Royal Flying Corps during the War in 1915. Most of our planes were manned by youngsters just out of school and with only a few hours' flying experience to their credit. At the time of their being drafted "out there" to do or die. In spite of their inexperience they are brave lads who face death unflinchingly and become veterans over night, fighting an uneven fight against big odds and men who are past masters in air combat. Von Richter is the German ace in this picture. He accounts for many British planes, but finally meets his doom.

For thrills this picture is second to none. Nothing is over-done, and the whole makes an historical record.

## From Official Sources.

## "GRUMPY."

Fun and thrills for young and old alike are furnished by the delectable doings of Cyril Maude in "Grumpy" the talking film veteran of the famous old stage play at the King's Theatre.

At the opening yesterday the audiences at the King's Theatre went for "Grumpy" in a great big way—and if their response is a criterion of the rest of the film-loving world, it would seem that Maude is to become one of the names to be conjured with in Hollywood.

"Grumpy" is a play built around a character. As that character, Cyril Maude carries with him the full burden of the show-furnishing comedy, thrills, delicious bits of amusing subtlety and withal a grand exhibition of real character-acting. For as so many others have said with full truthfulness—"Grumpy" the play, is Cyril Maude, the actor.

It is a splendid talkie. Don't miss it.

## "QUEEN HIGH."

If you gave a high point such as the top of a building available for your use for a couple of days, you can devise a stunt that will get attention.

Have your carpenter and artist construct a sign-device in the form of a box-kite. The large lower surface of the "kite" on a wire which is of dull colour so as to be invisible from the street. A heavy white string runs from the lower front of the "kite" to a building across the street or to some hidden roof spot below the "kite." The idea is to create the illusion of a flying kite.

The lettering must be plain enough to be seen from the street. Another way to make use of a high spot is to have a "screen" constructed of panels which resemble playing-cards. Two or three panels will be enough, depending upon the points of vantage from which the "screen" will be seen. Each panel bears the same copy—"You haven't seen anything until you've seen "Queen High," the fresh funny farce at

the Central Theatre, for its final showings to-day.

## "MONKEY BUSINESS."

The Four Marx Brothers do not miss a trick when it comes to providing comedy. Norma McLeod, who bossed their most recent and most frolicsome opus, "Monkey Business" (coming to the King's Theatre on Wednesday next) sees in their efforts on the screen every known comedy method, ranging from slapstick to subtle satire. McLeod can be called the perfect analyst of comedy methods. He began by drawing the comical line cartoons for Charlie comedies several years ago. Then he became a title writer and subsequently a gag man, scenarist, and director.

"Through a careful choice of characterisation for themselves, the Marx Brothers have combined all modes of comedy within their own entertainment," says McLeod.

## "THE MAN IN POSSESSION."

Sam Wood, who launched Robert Montgomery's film career when he directed "So This is College," had the distinction of directing his new starring vehicle, "The Man in Possession" which will open on Friday at the Queen's Theatre.

Charlotte Greenwood heads the supporting cast in the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture. Others featured are Irene Purcell, C. Aubrey Smith, Beryl Mercer, Reginald Owen, and Alan Mowbray.

## ST. JOHN'S DAY.

Patronal Festival Held  
in Cathedral.

Yesterday was the Patronal Festival of St. John's Cathedral—St. John the Evangelist's Day. Both the morning and evening services were largely attended, there being special music.

Preaching at Matins, the Dean (Very Rev. A. Swann) remarked on the great responsibility on trying to direct the Church and its congregation in the right way. The clergy longed for their backing and their prayers.

The Cathedral spire rose above offices which fringed the harbour, and there it stood, pointing upward, daily pointing men's lives upwards. That was its purpose, and it was very well placed there, for hundreds passed by it daily though only a small portion of those made use of it. Nothing was less acceptable to God than empty worship, merely formal worship.

The Dean also emphasised that financial support was urgently needed for the development of the Church's work.

The preacher at Evensong was the Rev. H. V. Koop.

## RADIO.

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:  
5-7 p.m.—Chinese Music.  
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Recorded Music.  
7.05-7.45 p.m.—A Concert.

Orchestral—  
A Day in Venice (Nevin).  
Victor Salon Orchestra and Group (9478).

Song—  
The Pipes of Pan (Monckton).  
Arcady is Ever Young (Monckton).  
Winnie Melville (Soprano) (B3285).

Piano Solo—  
Reflections on the Water (Debussy).  
Song of Love (Stojowski).  
Ignace Jan Paderewski (6633).

Song—  
Four Jolly Sailors (German).  
On a January Morning (German).  
Keith Falkner (Baritone) (B3558).

Instrumental Quartet—  
Negro Spirituals (arr. Pochon).  
Irish Cradle Song (Pochon).  
Polonaise Quartet (4594).  
7.45-8 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

(a) Blow the Man Down.  
John Goss & the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet (B3598).

Away for Rio (arr. Carey).  
Shenandoah (arr. Carey).  
Arthur Jordan, Tenor (3506).

(b) A Dollar and a Half a Day.  
The Hog's Eye Man (arr. Terry).  
John Goss & the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet (B3341).

8 p.m.—Local Time.  
8.05-8.18 p.m.—  
Moonlight Sonata  
(Beethoven Op. 27, No. 2).  
Played by Harold Bauer  
(Pianist) (5591-2).

8.18-8.58 p.m.—Orchestral.  
Freischütz—Overture (Weber).  
San Francisco Symphony  
Orchestra (4705).

Classical Symphony in D Major  
(Prokofiev Op. 25).  
Boston Symphony Orchestra  
(7109-7).

En Saga (a Legend) (Sibelius).  
Symphony Orchestra (9925-9).  
Value Triste (from "Kuolema")  
(Sibelius).  
Symphony Orchestra (9926).

8.58-9.48 p.m.—Variety.  
Humorous Song—  
You Can't Kill Flies by Scratching Them....  
Gracie Fields (B3383).

Song—  
Body and Soul.  
Gracie Fields (B3383).  
Hawaiian Orchestra—  
My Hula Love.  
Kawaihau Waltz.  
Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra  
(B2759).

Humorous Song—  
What Kind of a Noise Annoys an Oyster.  
Foolish Facts.  
Frank Crumit (23515).

Organ Solo—  
Father's Favourites.  
Terence Casey (5525).

Song—  
River, Stay 'Way from my Door.  
That Must Have Been Our Walter.  
Gracie Fields (B3384).

Piano Solo—  
When the Circus Comes to Town.  
Reaching for the Moon.  
Raie de Costa (B3009).

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED  
IN CHINA MAIL.

## Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant. Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-morrow—Young Folks Carnival Dance. Peninsula Hotel, 7 p.m.-10.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel. Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels. January 6—St. George's Society's Dance. Peninsula Hotel.

## Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre:  
"Grumpy."

To-day—Queen's Theatre:  
"Dawn Patrol."

To-day—Central Theatre:  
"Queen High."

To-day—Majestic Theatre:  
"The Brat."

To-day—Star Theatre:  
"High Society Blues."

Home Malls.  
To-day—Inward from Europe via Suez (Malacca Maru); from Europe via Siberia (Silverleaf).

Friday—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), noon.  
Lammerts Auction.

Wednesday—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.  
Miscellaneous.

January 12-14—Royal Sanitary Institute (Hong Kong Centre) examinations in Sanitary Science, and for Sanitary Inspectors.

January 2—St. Stephen's College new school year begins.

## ANTI-CATHOLIC PLANS.

Documents in the form of a code which reveals all the secrets of the Tanglewines were discovered by the Philippine Constabulary there, and, as a result, several of the leaders of the organisation are under investigation.

According to information obtained by the Constabulary, the organisation has planned to do away with Catholics and the landed gentry in the provinces where the organisation existed.

Descriptive Sketch—  
John Henry's Christmas Eve.  
John Henry & Co. (B3665).  
9.48-10.24 p.m.—  
Rachmaninoff's Concert No. 2 in C Minor Op. 18.  
Played by Sergei  
Rachmaninoff with Leopold  
Stokowski and the  
Philadelphia Orchestra  
(M-58).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.  
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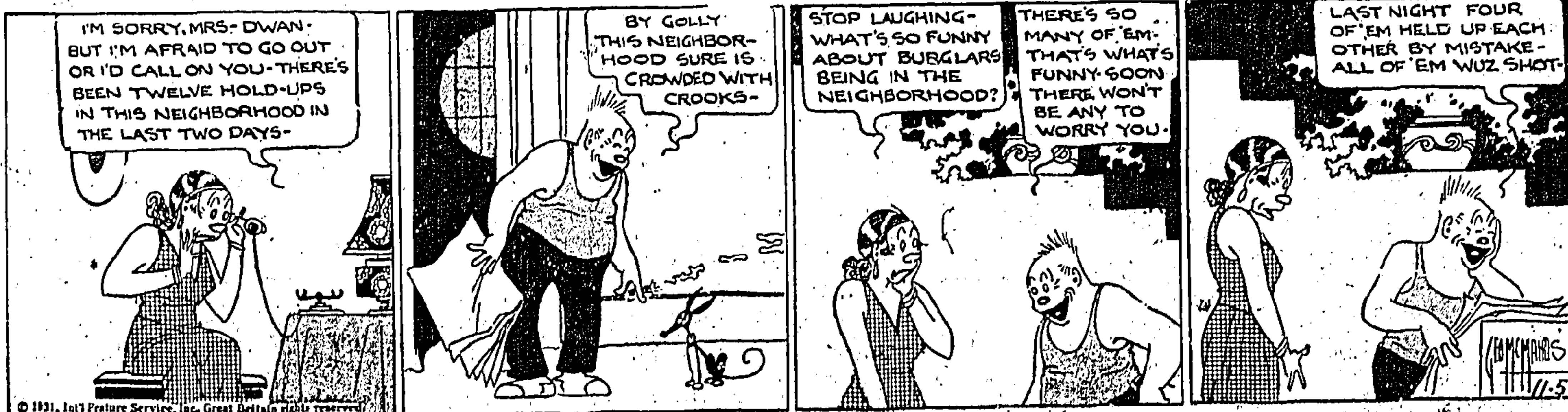
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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

## SKI CONTEST IN MONTREAL.

Oxford's Defeat by Cambridge.

FIRST RACE IN CANADA.

Montreal, Yesterday.  
First blood in the eleventh ski contest between Oxford and Cambridge, which is being held here, was drawn by Cambridge who won the cross-country race held over eight miles of undulating country in the Laurentian Mountains.  
The weather was excellent, the conditions being assisted by a fall of snow before the race.  
This is the first occasion on which race is being held in Canada and is in conformity with the Empire Preference campaign, as the usual venue is St. Moritz.—Reuter's Special Service.

## YACHTING.

Race to Macao on Boxing Day.

The annual race to Macao and back for the Potts Challenge Cup, which was sailed on Boxing Day, resulted in a win for Tavy II. Of twelve entries, eleven completed the course of 70 miles. The boats left Hong Kong at 7.30 a.m., coming in during the early hours of yesterday.

The results were as follow:—  
Yacht Position  
U. & I. (Mr. H. S. Rouse) 6  
Azuma (Mr. L. J. Rouse) 7  
Curlew (Capt. Fowler) 2  
La Cigale (Mr. Croucher) 10  
Norseman (Comdr. Newell) 5  
Wanderer (Mr. Baker) 9  
Tavy II. (Lt. Tait, R.N.) 1  
Monsoon (Mr. Chambers) 3  
Quest (Capt. W. Rose) 4  
Isis (Mr. B. Montague Ede) 8  
Chinook (Capt. E. M. Bolt, R.A.) 11  
Sea Lark V. (Mr. Cock) D.N.F.

## SATURDAY'S SPORT IN BRIEF.

## CRICKET.

Senior Friendly Matches.

On the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday the Army defeated the Hong Kong Cricket Club by 7 wickets.  
H.K.C.C.: 131 (H. Owen Hughes 37, Sig. Williams 6 for 20).  
Army: 212 for 9 (Lt. Hamilton 66, Lt. Musson 48, Bdr. Bryant 30).

On the K.C.C. ground on Saturday the Royal Navy drew with the Kowloon Cricket Club.  
Navy: 269 for 9 dec. (Lt. Comdr. Shaw 63, Lt. Villiers 55, Capt. Burnett 36).  
K.C.C.: 251 for 2 (G. C. Burnett 100, E. F. Fincher 102).

On the Craigengower C.C. ground the Single eleven defeated the Married eleven by 7 wickets.  
Married: 155 (N. B. Kitchell 32, E. Barry 43, R. Lee 4 for 60).  
Single: 255 for 9 (E. Zimmermann 100).

Junior Friendly Match.

At Sookunpoo on Saturday the University second eleven drew with the Indian R.C. second eleven.  
I.R.C.: 198 for 7 wickets, dec. (M. P. Madan 64, A. R. Sumad 74).  
University: 49 for 9 (A. K. Ismail 3 for 4).

Yesterday's Game.

The local staff of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., gained a decisive victory over the home staff yesterday when they won the annual fixture by 4 wickets.  
Home: 91—(C. E. Gabagan 25, A. F. Paul 14, W. Stoker 10, J. R. Way 11).  
Local: 139—(A. K. Minu 51, T. All 18, M. I. Razack 33).

## FOOTBALL.

Sunday: Herald Charity Cup Competition.

Scotland	3	England	2
Portugal	5	Wales	3

## KOWLOON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Seven Qualifiers for Second Round.

Playing in the first round of the Kowloon Golf Club Junior Championship yesterday, the following qualified for the next stage of the competition:

J. Litton beat H. S. Dinadale 5 and 3.  
L. Goldman beat A. A. Laughton 5 and 4.  
A. A. Lewis beat J. Getlaty 2 and 1.  
S. Jex beat G. D. Reid 4 and 3.  
A. C. Stinton beat G. P. Murphy 2 and 1.  
H. Buxton beat E. C. Fincher 6 and 5.  
J. J. King beat C. G. Anderson 8 and 7.

## "REUNION" AT THE VALLEY.

Holiday Festivities at Craigengower C.C.

A gathering in the nature of a "reunion" for members and their friends and families took place at the Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday. In the course of the afternoon a programme of sports was held for the children, this being followed by Mrs. Bradbury, the wife of the President, distributing the prizes, and a dance which was much enjoyed.

The results of the children's sports follows:

Girls Race, 30 yards (Aged 4 to 6 yrs).—1, W. Omar; 2, I. Woo.  
Boys Race, 30 yds. (Aged 4 to 6).—1, G. Rosselet; 2, D. Buchanan.  
Girls Race, 50 yds. (Aged 7 to 9).—1, W. Dhabar; 2, N. Kerrison.  
Boys Race, 50 yds. (Aged 7 to 9).—1, J. Kitchell; 2, P. Van der Lely.  
Girls Race, 80 yds. (Aged under 4).—1, A. Razack; 2, G. Patell.  
Boys Race, 80 yds. (Aged under 4).—1, D. Rafeek; 2, D. Rosselet.  
Three legged Race, 75 yds. (for boys aged 10 to 12).—1, I. and J. Kitchell; 2, M. Sayer and A. White.  
Egg and Spoon Race, 50 yds. (for girls aged 10 to 12).—1, E. Slings; 2, I. Buchanan.

## Our Sports Diary.

## LOCAL.

CRICKET—To-day and tomorrow—Army v. Navy at H.K.C.C.

Friday—University Past v. Present; H.K.C.C. v. Navy.

Saturday—University v. Royal Artillery (L); H.K.C.C. v. Navy; K.C.C. v. Army; Second Division—C.S.C.C. v. Police (L); Borderers v. University.

Sunday—K.C.C. v. Army (2nd Day).

FENCING—To-day—Hong Kong Fencing Club Meet at 5.15 p.m.

HOCKEY—To-day—Hong Kong Club II v. Argyle at King's Park at 5 p.m.; King's Park v. C.B.A. at Caroline Hill at 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday—Hong Kong Club v. Borderers on U.S.R.C. ground at 6 p.m.

Thursday—University v. Radio Sports at 5 p.m.; St. Andrew's v. Y.M.C.A.

HUNTING—Wednesday—Fencing Hunt Hounds Meet (Hunters' Arms) at 3.15 p.m.

FOOTBALL—Friday—Services v. Civilian on Club ground at 3.30 p.m.

Saturday—Chinese League—Yee Woo v. Sung Ching; Eastern v. South China "B"; Chinese Athletic "A" v. Chinese Athletic "B".

GOLF—Friday to Sunday—R.H.K.G.C. New Year Meet.

Sunday—Completion of First Round of Captain's Cup at Fanning; Entries close for the Junior Championship.

ATHLETICS—Friday—Kowloon C.C. Children's Sports.

STEEPLECHASING—Friday and Sunday—Fanning Hunt and Race Club at Kwantli.

## CHARLES THRILLS THE MACAO RACE CROWD.

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LEADING JOCKEY.

The main feature of the Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club yesterday was the sensational win of R. H. Charles on Mount Elburz to pay his supporters \$494 for a win and \$116.70 for a place in the Kiukiang Handicap. To put it briefly it was a very bad day for the favourites.

## THE RESULTS.

Chinkiang Handicap: One and a Quarter Miles.  
Mr. Festival's Orlando 146 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 1  
Mr. Eve's Daylight Eve, 165 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 2  
Mr. Prince's Crown Prince, 164 lbs. (Mr. Frost) 3  
Time: 30-4/5, 1.01, 1.32-3/5, 2.04, 2.37-2/5.  
Distance: 2 lengths; 4 lengths.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$36.50; Places \$11.30, \$6.20, \$9.30.  
Cash Sweep:—1st \$154.00, 2nd \$44.00, 3rd \$22.00.  
Unplaced:—\$3.50 each.

Nanking Handicap: One Mile.  
Mr. Wong Lan-kam's Imperial Hall 160 lbs. (Mr. S. Y. Liang) 1  
Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The Comeril, 163 lbs. (Mr. Frost) 2  
Mr. Eve's Cloudy Eve, 160 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 3  
Time: 34-4/5, 1.08-1/5, 1.41, 2.13.  
Distance: A head; a length.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$7.90; Places \$5.40, \$5.60.  
Cash Sweep:—1st \$218.40, 2nd \$62.40, 3rd \$31.20.  
Unplaced pony:—\$31.20.

Wuhu Plate: Five Furlongs.  
Mr. Neptune's Jingo, 165 lbs. (Mr. Caplan) 1  
Mr. G. H. Potts' Genghis Khan, 153 lbs. (Mr. Frost) 2  
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Wiggle Wiggle, 162 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 3  
Time: 16-1/5, 47, 1.20-1/5.  
Distance: 1 1/2 lengths; 4 lengths.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$9.00; Places \$6.20, \$20.70, \$6.  
Cash Sweep:—1st \$273.70, 2nd \$73.20, 3rd \$39.10.  
Unplaced:—\$5.50 each.

Kiukiang Handicap: One Mile.  
Mr. H. W. Mok's Mount Elburz, 163 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 1  
Messrs. Sturt & Lobell's Tango, 165 lbs. (Mr. G. U. Roza) 2  
Mr. Split's Brunswick Hall, 163 lbs. (Mr. Caplan) 3  
Time: 23-2/5, 54, 1.26-4/5, 1.29-3/5.  
Distance: A neck, 4 lengths.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$494.00; Places \$116.70, \$15.50, \$19.40.  
Cash Sweep:—1st \$312.20, 2nd \$89.20, 3rd \$44.60.  
Unplaced \$5 each.

Hankow's Handicap: One Mile.  
Mr. H. P. Rees' Sunning, 165 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 1  
Mr. L. Reidy's Heliotrope Leaf, 162 lbs. (Mr. Caplan) 2  
Mr. Dalrem's Bay of Bellingham II, 169 lbs. (Mr. A. Roza) 3  
Time: 30-2/5, 1.04-1/5, 1.36-4/5, 2.11-3/5.  
Distance: A head; a Head.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$17.30; Places \$7.20, \$6.40, \$7.50.  
Cash Sweep:—1st \$286.30, 2nd \$81.30, 3rd \$40.90.  
Unplaced \$1.25 each.  
Cash Sweep.  
No. 12237—\$1,100.40; No. 6129—\$314.40; No. 1497—\$167.20.  
Unplaced—Nos. 11252, 11527, 11289, 6718, 6293, 9341, 12948, 12413, 12130, 11182, 11482, 11764, 11754—each \$18.40.

Ichang Handicap: 6 furlongs.  
Mr. H. W. Mok's Brown Eyes, 154 lbs. (Mr. Pung) 1  
Messrs. Chau & Chau's Sunny Day, 165 lbs. (Mr. G. Roza) 2  
Mr. Joseph's New King, 162 lbs. (Mr. Caplan) 3  
Time: 31, 1.02-1/5, 1.35-2/5.  
Distance: 1/2 length; a length.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$27.70; Places \$6.90, \$7.40, \$5.30.  
Cash Sweep:—1st \$362.60, 2nd \$103.60, 3rd \$51.80.  
Unplaced \$5.50 each.

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## BOY PRODIGIES OF FOOTBALL

### Bastin and Others Who Have Become Famous in Their Teens.

Of the players of many games there are many who are good, but few who may be called great. They only are great who do greatly in the hour of severest trial. Hobbs and Macartney, Bradman and Sutcliffe, with all the varying conditions of cricket in Australia and England, are examples of men who rise above the ordinary level of high skill. The really great are rare (writes J. A. H. Cotton in the Evening Standard).

Let me illustrate this proposition by recalling Stephen Bloomer, England's inside-right at Association football for twelve years. He never played so well for his club, Derby County, as he did for England.

The renowned team builder, Mr. T. Watson, always said that Alec Raisbeck was never so wonderful as when he wore a Scottish jersey. For Liverpool he played well; for Scotland more than well. The heart and the will responded to the call, and the great player rose above his normal powers. This is the characteristic of greatness in games.

There is a footballer in London with this hall-mark. Clifford Sidney Bastin is answering the tests, and is clearly singled out for great distinction.

#### At Sixteen.

In April 1928 the boy Bastin, as an amateur of sixteen years, played for Exeter City. In October of the following year he appeared at inside-right for the Arsenal.

In the Spring of 1930 Bastin was the outside-left of the Arsenal in the final of the Association Cup, and did much towards victory. Who can ever forget his perfect pass that brought the first goal; the first blow, with all its proverbial weight?

The next Spring he was one of the League champions and the only member who played in every match of the long contest. A week ago Bastin was of the elect among thousands to represent the Football League. Even his reputation was so enhanced that next week he will, according to plan, take part in his first international match—for England against Wales.

Every honour of the game is his long before he has reached what law and convention call manhood. Truly a career without a parallel among latter-day players.

#### Past Prodigies.

It is not astonishing that people are asking if ever a younger footballer has been

chosen for an international cap by the Football Association. He is 19 years and 7 months old. At this age how does he stand in relation to past prodigies? He cannot be the youngest international player for England. That title is held by Arthur Brown, a sturdy centre-forward, then of Sheffield United, but afterwards of Sunderland and Fulham, who played against Wales at Wrexham on February 23, 1904, when 18 years and 37 days old. His is the authenticated record for England.

Who is the youngest of all international footballers? This unique distinction belongs to Mr. W. K. Gibson, the lawyer of Belfast, who was both a forward and a back for Cliftonville, the mother club of Ireland. He played on the left wing for Ireland against Wales at Swansea in February, 1894, when he was 17 years and five months old.

#### A Welsh Record.

There is little doubt that the youngest player to be capped by Wales is Arthur Grenville Morris, now a citizen of Nottingham, who assisted Wales against Ireland on February 23, 1896, about six weeks before his nineteenth birthday. Shortly after, Mr. Morris had his first experience of England at Cardiff, and the visitors won by 9-1.

As G. B. Raikes, W. J. Oakley, A. G. Henfrey, G. O. Smith and R. R. Sandilands, were distinguished university and public school amateurs, and had with them Crabtree, Bassett, Bloomer and John Goodall, it is small wonder that Morris says that the match "made me rub my eyes."

To decide who was the youngest of all the famous Scottish international men is a task of some difficulty, because the universal provider of Scottish players in "the way back of beyond" was Queen's Park, the most admirable of all amateur clubs with a long history. But does any man think that the famous "Queens" were bothered about ages? They were content with ability. Moreover, it is only within the last forty years that "records" of any kind have been kept. All such minutiae are evidence of this modern phase of passion for the detail of big sport.

The Cleverest Forward. Still it is indisputable that James Blessington, the Celt now residing in Guernsey, and Robert Walker ("Bobby"), of the Heart of Midlothian, each played for Scotland against Ireland when 20 years old.

Walker is still revered as the cleverest forward who ever donned Scotland's colours. The man was once asked where he acquired his style. His reply was that he "never acquired it." He seemed to have a knack with

his feet and practice did the rest.

In his second, that against England, at Glasgow in 1900, Walker was the inside-right in the cleverest vanguard Scotland ever had. He had been dubbed "the best player in Europe."

In those days, and before them, Association football had not the vogue that it has to-day. There were fewer players, but they were of a higher calibre, and wherever inquiry is possible the fact is revealed that most of the international men began this part of their career, as they should, when about twenty years of age.

William Meredith, who had the extraordinary experience of playing in these big matches of Wales during 25 years; Bloomer and Robert Crompton received their first honour at 21.

Before their day this seemed to be the average age. Mr. E. C. Bambridge, now the honorary secretary of the Corinthians, was born on July 30, 1858, and was given his first cap for England vs. Scotland at the Oval on March 7, 1879.

The recorders of the period say that this was "the best match ever seen," and that Bambridge kicked two goals—"the first after a run over the whole length of the ground, the finest piece of dribbling, perhaps, ever seen."

He was not then more than 8st. 5lb.

Bastin has not the flying feet of Hulme, nor the Indian jugglery of James, and not quite the thrust of Jack when he chooses; but Bastin does the right thing at the precise moment; and is a master of position play. This is the key to his success at such a tender age.

### GRANDMA BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN.

A grandmother is attending lectures at the University of Toronto, a leading centre for adult education. Mystery shrouds her name and the course she is studying. Eight married couples—two of whom have children attending the University—have also recently registered. One of the students is a prominent local business man who is bent on passing his fourth University year after an absence from school of 20 years.

### KING EDWARD'S JOKE.

#### "I Would Make a Good Booking Clerk."

#### A STATION MASTER'S MEMORIES

King Edward's amusements when watching railway station crowds and listening to the extraordinary questions that are asked were recalled by Mr. Alfred C. Chalker, stationmaster at the Crystal Palace (Low Level) station, who has retired after 50 years' service.

Mr. Chalker, who was for many years stationmaster at Linkfield, Surrey, had several talks with King Edward when he was Prince of Wales.

"King Edward had an extraordinarily keen sense of humour, and whenever I met him he would chaff me about something," said Mr. Chalker. "Sometimes he would joke about the trains, and pretend to be astonished if they arrived punctually."

#### Seeing the Funny Side.

"He never failed to see the funny side of life, and at time he would stand in the booking-hall, unobserved by the general public, and simply rock with laughter at the often absurd questions people asked."

"The forlorn expressions on people's faces amused him when they came to the booking-office, and said despairingly, 'Please have I missed the last train home?' or, 'I've got two hours to wait—what shall I do?' or other such queries."

"After listening one day, King Edward turned to me and said, 'I should make a very good booking clerk, because I have watched you all working so often that I know how to answer all the funny questions you are asked.'"

"The King had a quick eye, too, for anything amusing or unusual in the dress or facial expression of fellow-passengers on the train, and on his journeys he would joke continually with the Duke of Richmond, the Duke of Norfolk, and others. I cannot imagine a jollier travelling companion than King Edward."

"Very often, too, he would travel by himself, for he was thoroughly democratic and free and easy."

#### H.M.S. Victory V.

"During the war the Crystal Palace was a naval training depot known as H.M.S. Victory V., and there were always about 14,000 men

there. All through the war I was working 18 and 20 hours a day—and night—and it has been estimated that we dealt with 500,000 men in troop trains, and without a single mishap!"

"During air raids men from the Palace used to shelter in the railway tunnels but the Zeppelins and planes never wanted to bomb the Palace. Instead, they turned their searchlights on the glittering glass towers, knew then exactly where they were, and always used the Palace as a signpost. They could tell then the direction home."

"Once, in my young days, I insisted on a woman passenger paying threepence fare for air, enormous Persian cat she sat with her. She was so furious at having to pay that, as the train moved out, she suddenly picked up the cat and flung it at me out of the window! She hoped it would scratch me, but it did not, and I took it home and kept it for years—a beautiful cat."

#### Met Racing People.

"I met all the prominent racing people, including Fred Archer, who always seemed to me rather big for a jockey. Then we had the horse boxes on the trains and one 'favourite' I remember tried to jump on the roof of the carriage, smashed the roof in, then kicked the back of the horse box out, and kept us all day trying to get him on the train. Eventually a goat was put in the train, and seeing it the fiery favourite followed as quietly as a lamb!"

"Fifty years ago long skirts and broad-brimmed hats made travelling for women very difficult, and I can say this in comparison with to-day—it is more difficult now to find a drunken man than it was to find a sober man when I started!"

"Visitors to Brighton from distant places like Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, or Burton, would often be so intoxicated after their day of merriment that they fell out of the trains at intermediate stations and had to be lifted back into their seats!"

Mr. Chalker received the M.B.E. for his war work at the Crystal Palace, and is well known at Brighton (where he was stationmaster at the Dyke Station). Chichester, Belmont and other places.

### FOSTER MOTHER A MONSTER.

A 12-year-old girl was held virtually a prisoner in a closet in Washington, D.C., for about four years by her stepmother, it was revealed in a police court, when her brother, three years older than she

### AIR MAILS.

#### New P.O. at London Airway Terminus.

#### FIVE HOURS TO PARIS.

London, Nov. 20.

It has now become possible so to expedite air-mail transport between London and Paris that from the time of posting in London, to the actual delivery in Paris, the total time occupied—including ground connections as well as the aerial journey from Croydon to Le Bourget—is only a little over five hours.

Three-quarters-of-an-hour are saved by the establishment, which has just been effected, of a new sub-Post Office in the Airway Terminus of Imperial Airways adjoining Victoria railway station, London, S.W.1.

Hitherto, late letters intended for the air-mail to Paris which leaves the London air-port at 12.30 p.m. daily have been accepted at the General Post office, E.C. up to 11 a.m., after which they have had to be placed in bags and sent to the Airway Terminus at Victoria to catch the passenger-car for the Croydon air-port which leaves at 11.45 a.m. But with the sub-Post Office now at the Airway Terminus it becomes possible to post a late letter at this new office up to within a minute of the departure of the car for Croydon.

#### Urgent Letters.

Those who thus save three-quarters-of-an-hour in the late posting of urgent letters also have the advantage that the air schedule between Croydon and Le Bourget has, so far as the new 4-engined airliners of Imperial Airways are concerned, been accelerated by 15 minutes, the time occupied in the 230-miles flight now being only 2 1/4 hours.

Thus, with the new postal facilities at Victoria, and with the faster air-liners, it means that a letter posted at the last available moment in London, and leaving by the 12.30 p.m. air-liner from Croydon, is delivered in Paris shortly after five o'clock that same afternoon, a total saving of approximately one hour as compared with previous schedules.

The cost of sending an ounce letter from London to Paris by air, including the air fee as well as the ordinary charges, is fourpence. Twelve years ago, when the Post Office entered into a contract for the carriage of mails on the London-Paris route, the fee was half-a-crown.

The advantage of having a Post Office at the Airway Terminus at Victoria applies also in the case of late letters for the Indian and African air mails. The air-liner with the African mail now leaves Croydon each Wednesday at 12.30 p.m., and it is possible to post late letters for this outgoing Empire

was called as a witness. She had been severely beaten at times and deprived of adequate food.

### FATHER ATTACKS TEACHER.

#### Caned Child Cries "Kill Him, Dad."

#### REBELLIOUS PUPIL.

Frederick Taylor, of Clive Road, Romford, was fined £2 at Romford and ordered to pay 10s. towards a doctor's expenses, for assaulting Eric J. Hewlett, head master of Salisbury Road School (Essex County Council), Romford.

Mr. S. J. Thorne, for the National Union of Teachers, said Mr. Hewlett had to correct Taylor's son for breach of discipline. Taylor called at the school and went to Mr. Hewlett's room, caught him by the throat, and struck him two blows over the left eye.

They grappled together and Mr. Hewlett had to call two assistants to help him. Taylor was overpowered and locked in the room, and the police sent for.

During the struggle Taylor's son, who was present, said "Kill him stone dead, Dad."

Mr. Hewlett denied that he punished the boy unnecessarily.

### BANKER'S DEATH.

#### Scotsman's Career in America.

Evanston, Illinois, Yesterday. The death has occurred here of Dr. David Robertson Forgan, Vice-Chairman of the National Bank of the Republic—Reuter's American Service.

[Dr. Forgan's career reads like a page from fiction. Born in St. Andrew's in 1862, he started as a messenger in the Clydesdale Bank; emigrated to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he held several bank appointments; went to America and rose to be President of the Union National Bank which was merged into the First National Bank of Chicago, of which his brother, Mr. James Berwick Forgan, is President.]

### COLLEGE GIRLS SPURN MARRIAGE.

Only one out of the 750 freshmen, enrolled in Hunter College replied to a questionnaire this year that she intended to marry. Most of them hope to teach, and others will study law, medicine, journalism, nursing, farming, and dog breeding.

service up to within a minute of the departure of the connecting car from Victoria at 11.45 a.m. The same applies also in regard to the departure from Croydon each Saturday, at 12.30 p.m., of the air-mail to India.

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## The China Mail

Hong Kong, Monday, Dec. 28, 1931.

## No Shoddy Stuff.

During the past few weeks overseas residents have heard a great deal of the "Buy British" campaign and of the phenomenal interest being taken in next year's British Industries Fair. In a cosmopolitan Colony such as Hong Kong any amount of advocacy of "Buy British" is not likely to result in a hundred per cent. response. As the gateway to the furthest East competitors the world over send their wares here in full expectations of doing trade on their merits. There cannot be insularity as regards British-made goods. The Oriental, who forms the vast bulk of the potential customer, is not exactly noted for discernment and discrimination in favour of any one country at the expense of another. Like the British fair sex, even here and in Australia, he usually takes what is offered to him, heedless whether the country of origin be America, Australia, Germany, or Britain. The slogan, "Buy British" holds for him no appeal.

There is, however, another aspect of industry which ought not to be overlooked even as affecting this Colony by British manufacturers. When the Prince of Wales some time ago urged upon British industry the need of adopting its methods to the wants of customers, his advice was generally hailed as expressing sound sense. Yet there was another side to the case, and there were those who shook their heads over the possibility that British manufacturers might be tempted, in the struggle for cheapness, to lower dangerously the standard of quality which has made British goods a synonym all over the world for honest worth.

True, the Prince of Wales did not mean that British manufacturers should imitate the shoddy stuff which is sometimes produced by their competitors and sold at prices that Britons could not imitate but which are still more than the stuff is worth. He

meant, no doubt, that Britons should display a greater adaptability and not insist on making the very best when that is more than their customers can afford. The following of that advice is often a very complicated matter, which must be left to the good judgment and practical experience of manufacturers themselves.

Undoubtedly, however, there are dangers in the struggle for cheapness, not only for the individual manufacturer but for the whole nation. A British manufacturer the other week put on the market an article deliberately designed for export to countries where money is not plentiful. It was not a good article; he did not pretend it was. But he put on it in a prominent place the words, "English Make." The chances are that that article will be bought very largely on its combination of low price and the reputation of British goods. But when the buyers discover that it is not up to the standard they have expected, it will not be that manufacturer only who will suffer. The buyers' disappointment will result in injury to the reputation of all British goods.

It seems probable, indeed, that Britons have already suffered to some extent, in this way. Some of their foreign competitors, it has been freely stated, have not scrupled to imitate British marks on their own very inferior goods, and this, quite apart from British loss of trade, must have done more or less harm to Britain's reputation. If, however, Britons themselves take to making inferior goods and advertising the fact that they are British, it will not be long till the story spreads that British goods are no longer what they were, and Britain's best goods will be regarded with suspicion. That must be avoided at all hazards in Hong Kong and elsewhere overseas.

## From Other Pens.

Where Britain Scores.

America is becoming weary of the spate of tedious advertising material which is shouted across the ether by the five hundred and more broadcasting stations of the United States.

"How pleasant it is not to have the programmes interrupted by crude announcements of the virtues of So-and-so's toilet soap or Somebody's golf ball." So I have heard Americans sigh enviously as they listened, to a B.B.C. broadcast.

I do not know to what extent the aesthetic appeal of a Mozart concerto is diminished by a raucous announcement acclaiming mineral waters or motorcars, but I am fairly certain that it is easy to over-estimate the value of a type of advertising which begins by irritating and ends by boring the public.—Evening Standard.

Sterling.

The word "sterling" seems to be in everybody's mouth at the moment, but not many, we imagine, could give an accurate explanation of its origin. We confess to having been in this position ourselves until we looked the matter up. We now know that the word is supposed to be derived from "Easterlings," the name given to the North German merchants who came to Britain in the reign of Edward I. He formed a "hanse" or sing, in London. In a statute of the period the silver penny is referred to as a "sterling." The word was borrowed by all European languages and applied to British coins of a standard quality.

Two other suggestions for its origin have been put forward; one that it represents the old English "sterling" — little star — from a device on an early coin, and the other that it emerges from "stearling," i.e., the birds—which, however, may be doves—on the coins of Edward the Confessor. The word has slipped into general usage to mean anything of intrinsic merit, and we now refer to a person's possession of "sterling qualities" without any implication about his monetary status.—Pinnang Gazette.

## News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 60 degrees. The humidity was 78 at 10 a.m. and 79 at 4 p.m.

A smoking concert will be held in the Police Recreation Club, Happy Valley, on Wednesday, commencing at 9 p.m.

Chung Chi-keung (24), a clerk at 100 High Street, was taken to hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of an overdose of alcohol.

Whilst engaged in demolition work at 35 Staunton Street yesterday, a woman, Chung Luk (55), was injured by a falling beam. She was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital at 11.5 a.m. suffering from injuries to her back and left leg, and died at 11.45 p.m. No. 35 Staunton Street will be remembered as the scene of the fire on June 9, which claimed fifteen lives.

## Personal Pars.

General T. Matsui and Vice-Admiral Osami Nagano, (delegates for Japan to the disarmament conference at Geneva) lunched at Government House on Christmas Day.

The speaker at to-morrow's meeting of the Rotary Club will be the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Commissioner, Boy Scouts' Association, who will take as his subject "Scouting in Hong Kong."

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Japan were Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roxburgh, Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Draper, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mossop, and Mrs. A. Stokkink.

## "BULLET-PROOF" VEST RIDDLED BY SHOTS.

A gentleman who forgot to leave his address called at Police Headquarters proudly displaying a bulletproof vest he had invented. When the department's ballistic expert consented to test it, he peeled off his coat.

When they draped the vest over an oak panel instead of letting him wear it, he became very angry and protested loudly.

From a distance of 10 feet they each fired three .32-calibre bullets. Every bullet penetrated the oak panel. The inventor, quite angry, snatched up his invention and fled.

## "THE MESSIAH."

Christmas Music in Union Church.

IMPRESSIVE RENDERING.

The Union Church, Kennedy Road, was filled last evening on the occasion of the rendering of a portion of Handel's "Messiah" by the Church Choir, augmented by several local singers, and accompanied in addition to the organ by piano and a small string orchestra. The Choir master, Mr. G. E. Longyear, was particularly fortunate in his soloists.

Mr. H. Anniss has rarely, if ever, sung better, and his "Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley" were beautifully sung.

Mr. W. H. Bailey's singing of the difficult Aria, "But Who May Abide," was given in the real spirit of the Scriptures—a solemn warning, after the sonorous and declamatory "Thus Saith the Lord," and he, too, has seldom sung better. He is to be congratulated on his singing of the Aria, "For He is Like a Refiner's Fire," which, following the sustained measures of "For Who Shall Abide" was especially effective.

Mrs. H. L. Lockhart's "Oh, Thou that Telles" was sung really well. This Aria is lengthy and rather tedious, but her singing compelled the admiration of all, especially those to whom the Aria is familiar. "He Shall Feed His Flock," too, was tenderly sung.

Pastoral Recitatives.

Mrs. Bowes-Smith, in the Pastoral Recitatives announcing the Nativity, and in "Rejoice Greatly," sang to perfection, every note in the latter Aria being clean as a bell, and her accomplishment of the difficult "runs" revealed a perfect command over production. It might be said, perhaps, that "Rejoice Greatly" lacked a little in nerve or rapture, but it was undoubtedly splendidly sung. So, also, was "Come Unto Him," the counterpart of, but contrast to, "He Shall Feed His Flock."

The singing of all three soloists was note perfect, and well above the ability of the average amateur, and Hong Kong is fortunate in possessing singers of their talent and ability.

Choir Well Balanced.

The Choir, although relatively small in numbers, was excellently balanced. The usual predominance of sopranos and bass was scarcely noticeable, and the "attack," a weakness of most choirs, most praiseworthy considering that they were not conducted with the baton. They sang as a body of music-lovers; their tone was perfect and their volume astonishing. "Hallelujah" was sung as it should be—a psalm of triumph, and was the climax to a really inspiring, but all too short service.

The Orchestra. Much too little was heard of the orchestra, whose playing of the overture and the "Pastoral Symphony" was most enjoyable. One missed the familiar accompaniments to the solos, however well they were played on the organ.

Mrs. Phillips' part as pianist was obviously no small factor in the perfect union of choir and orchestra.

Mr. Longyear at the organ accompanied throughout, and as organist and choir master is to be congratulated on a most excellent performance of a work which every one loves. It is to be hoped that he will repeat and develop the effort and will soon give us more of the "Messiah." The splendid performance should encourage him to further efforts to feed "music-starved Hong Kong."

The singing of the Christmas hymns by the large congregation, with organ, choir and orchestra, was inspiring and devotional.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Powell.

## DRINK, BY A JUDGE.

Nothing Wrong In It—In Moderation.

A few words about drink by Mr. Justice Swift in the course of a case at Gloucester Assizes. Alcohol cheers people, loosens their tongues, makes conversation, and spreads geniality. There is nothing wrong in it if it is taken in moderation.

The taste is pleasant, so I am told, and it warms one, otherwise, who would pay for a cocktail if it were no more pleasant than water or milk? People pay for drink because it influences them, and not necessarily in an improper way, either.

Taken in moderation, there is no reason why they should not have it.

## SECOND CHILDHOOD

Sets Barn on Fire for Fun.

OLD LADY'S PASTIME.

An old woman aged 60 living alone in a shack has been discovered to be the author of no fewer than 16 fires which have terrified the neighbourhood.

A barn opposite the old woman's shack burned down and the woman informed local gendarmes that she "had not noticed it." As this was manifestly impossible, they made further enquiries, and found that she had lit this fire and many others too. She had lit them "for fun."

It appears that both her parents and grandparents also kindled a cheery blaze of barn or cottage occasionally as a pastime.

## LESSON-SERMON.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong.

NO PHYSICAL SCIENCE.

"Christian Science" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 27.

The Golden Text was: "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Isaiah 40: 5.)

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14: 15-17.)

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Science is an emanation of the divine Mind, and is able to interpret God aright. It has a spiritual, and not a material origin. It is a divine utterance,—the Comforter which leadeth into all truth." (p. 127.)

## CLAWED BY LION.

Zoo Owner's Peril from Pet's Attack.

Mr. Reginald Goddard, the owner of a private "Zoo" in the grounds of an Elizabethan Manor at Chessington, Surrey, has recovered from an attack of blood poisoning after one of his hands had been clawed by a pet lion.

Quite unconsciously, said Mr. Goddard, he rested his left hand on the edge of the bars of the cage while chatting to his pet, "Billy," when the lion playfully shot out one of his great paws and pinned his master's hand down, then began to pull the hand and arm through. Blood flowed, and the lion became furious. Using all his strength, Mr. Goddard tore himself free, and escaped at the expense of a badly lacerated hand.

After he had been treated in hospital and the wound was almost healed, the poison in his blood fought the serum which had been injected, and for two or three days Mr. Goddard's life was in danger.

## To-day's Thought.

Too often the fellow who is strong in his likes and dislikes is weak in his information.

## Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of December 28, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7 1/2.

Chinese merchants in Hong Kong, according to the North China Daily News, have invited Mei Lan-tang, the famous Chinese impersonator, to give several exhibitions at the port during the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales next year. It is understood, states the Chinese Press, that Mei has been guaranteed \$50,000 for his services.

## WATCH FOR THE OCEAN LINER "TRANSATLANTIC"

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## BRITAIN DECLINING AS A WORLD POWER

### DEAN INGE TALKS ON THE FATE OF EMPIRES.

In his second lecture on the "Fate of Empires," at the University College of North Wales, Bangor, Dean Inge said that Russia stood by itself, and he would be a rash man who predicted its future. The revolution of 1917 was led, not by Russians, but by Jews, Georgians, and Tartars, and on the one side it looked like a violent repudiation of the European viceroy.

With a Government which was not really communist but State Catholicism under terrorist Administration wielding absolute power over the whole population, it was unlike anything ever seen before in Europe or Asia. If the revolution passed into a militaristic phase, as some said it would, the world might see another series of Tartar invasions and possibly the destruction of Western civilisation. "This is a somewhat unhappy prediction," he said, "but none can guess what will follow the Terror."

#### Spanish Empire.

The decline of the Spanish Empire, which lasted longer than the British Empire had so far lasted, he proceeded, was due, among other things, to the dissemination of literature and ideas of revolt, mainly from French and British sources.

There was a modern parallel in the case of India. With almost incredible folly we had been educating the Indians with the literature of revolt for nearly 100 years, and now we were surprised because they were learning the lesson. The French as colonists had proved clever at making themselves decently popular, but like Rome the French were playing a dangerous game in relying more and more upon barbarian troops to maintain their rule.

Since the fall of Rome there had been only two political experiments on a very grand scale, both the work of Anglo-Saxons: these were the American Federal Republic and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

#### Europe's Ascendancy.

The United States at present was already the greatest Power and with a population of 130,000,000 and vast wealth and resources was invulnerable. Some three years before the war, said Dean Inge, when he was a member of a mission of peace to Germany, he stated to a great German publicist that Europe appeared to have about fifty years more of ascendancy before the centre of wealth and power definitely crossed to America, but that if we had a European war possibly we should throw away those fifty years. The British Commonwealth of Nations was an experiment with a dubious future, he went on, but we must wish it well. It was the one real

League of Nations that was in working order. No part of the British Commonwealth paid either tribute or tax to Britain. There was not a written constitution and extraordinarily little military force.

The question to-day, he said, was no longer whether we would retain our coloured subjects, but whether we could keep them out of the countries we had staked out for our own kin. North America would probably succeed in keeping them out, but the future of Australia and South Africa was much more doubtful.

#### Definitely Over.

The period of the expansion of the white race, he declared, was definitely over. Some nations were dying for want of heart, although he was glad to say that was not quite the case with this country. But our birth-rate has declined (it was below the real actuarial death-rate), and even on the basis of a stationary population the country was going down in numbers. We had lost our natural advantages, and our geographical position was no longer quite the best.

"Although I do not wish to take an altogether pessimistic view, I am afraid our part of world power is approaching its end," he added, after predicting that the British element in the Dominions and the United States would steadily diminish.

The parallel with Rome was rather close. There was room for expansion in Canada and Australia, but only for the right type, not the parasitic type whose idea was to put in fourpence and take out ninepence.

#### Not Good Enough.

He was afraid we were not good enough to keep our position, and he expected that a hundred years hence we would have gone back to the pre-industrial Britain of before 1760 except for the enormous development of labour-saving machinery and the smaller population.

How the population was to be reduced he did not know, but it would have to be done. There was still much that was fine in the British character. We might even have a new renaissance, with another Shakespeare, Milton, Reynolds, or a Newton.

London might become the spiritual capital of the world after ceasing to be its financial centre. Our future was in our hands and history would do us the honour of saying that although this was the last of the world empires it was the greatest and most beneficent.

Loss of empire, however, did not necessarily mean the failure of the race, but he emphasised that only eugenics would save the race.

## A FISH-FEEDING BIRD.

### Habits of the Pelican.

A wonderful bird is the Pelican, whose beak holds more than his belly can.

They say he drinks Bass From a bottle or glass, But I don't know how the h. he can.

What he thinks is "a rare bird" fell to the gun of Mr. John William Gooneratne of Hangawatte, Mirigama, Ceylon. The bird measures about 8½ feet from the tip of one wing to that of the other, and is about five feet in length from beak to tip of tail.

Mr. A. R. Hughes, an authority on birds, contributes the following note on the specimen:—

"The bird in question is Pelicanus Philippinus, the spot-bill Pelican. This bird is found wherever there are suitable sheets of water throughout the North and East of the island and even as far down as Hambantota. It is found often in large flocks on brackish lagoons. It is much more common in the sea than inland, but I have observed it in numbers at Horowaputana, Kantalai and the Minneriya tanks.

"Its nesting habits are as follows: It builds usually in large trees at a good height. The nest is a huge affair of haphazardly arranged sticks and the eggs, usually three in number, are white with a chalky appearance, and rather rough to the touch.

#### How Pelicans Fish.

"Pelicans are naturally fish-feeders and the large pouch-like attachment to the lower bill will on occasion hold several pounds of fish. I have observed Pelicans on several occasions systematically fishing a given area. Quivering in the water like well trained gun-dogs, the Pelicans drive the fish into shoals, the bill and the portion of the head and neck are submerged, and with a scooping motion the fish are caught.

"The young of the Pelican are nestlings are quite helpless and remain in the downy duckling stage for a considerable time. Here again the pouch comes in handy in conveying food from the water to the nest. I am not sure though that the fish before being fed to the young Pelicans are not partially swallowed by the bird, breaking the bones and coating the food with pepsin, as there appears to be a considerable amount of this fluid in the gullet of adult birds. If the bird was eaten, I could rather like to know what it tasted like."

#### STORY LIBELS A COMPANY.

### Paper To Pay £200 Damages.

Damages of £200 with costs, were awarded to the Rock Investment Company, Ltd., in the King's Bench Division, against the Illustrated London News and Sketch, Ltd. The jury found that the company had been libelled in a story called "In the Long Run."

Complaint was made that the Rock Investment Company was mentioned in the story, which referred to "that huge financial swindle, involving the arrest of three directors."

The defence was that the story was entirely fiction and was not intended to refer to any of the plaintiffs.

In cases brought by three directors, the investment company individually, judgment was given for defendants without costs.

## A HOME RUN FOR FROGS.

### Two That Wrestle Like Humans.

#### FROGS COMMIT SUICIDE.

If a frog should suddenly come hopping into your dining-room while you are having a meal and request a "hand-out" by sitting up and begging like a trained dog, don't rush for the smelling salts or to the wine-cupboard to see if the methylated spirits accidentally got in among your stock of drinks.

That is, don't rush to the wine cupboard unless there is just a chance that it might be the wine, and not something else.

Simply treat the visiting frog with courtesy. He may be a round-the-world traveller, or he may be one of your own garden products whose great-grandfather went to college.

Mr. W. Boggis (sounds suggestive, that name) of Dunvegan, Midlothian, is probably the first man in the world to have conducted a school for frogs. He told a Daily Express representative that he did so "because all the world despises the frog." Therefore, he decided to give them some "uplift."

Mr. Boggis assembled about 120 frogs and 90 toads in his suburban garden and commenced to educate them.

"No one seems to know much about the creatures," he said. "So I built an estate for them in my garden and arranged suburban villas and bungalows near the tank side. In time the frogs and toads became quite tame, and whenever they heard my footsteps coming down the garden, they began to croak in welcome."

Two of them, named Mrs. Broxbourne and Lady Nazing, according to Mr. Boggis, would stand up on their hind legs and wrestle like human beings.

Mr. Boggis told the Press representative that frogs and toads often commit suicide by drowning. "I have seen them deliberately throw themselves from bridges and I have rescued them and revived them by means of artificial respiration."

"And now," added Mr. Boggis, "I have set them all free to impart their knowledge to their brothers and sisters throughout the world."

### THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WIZARD.

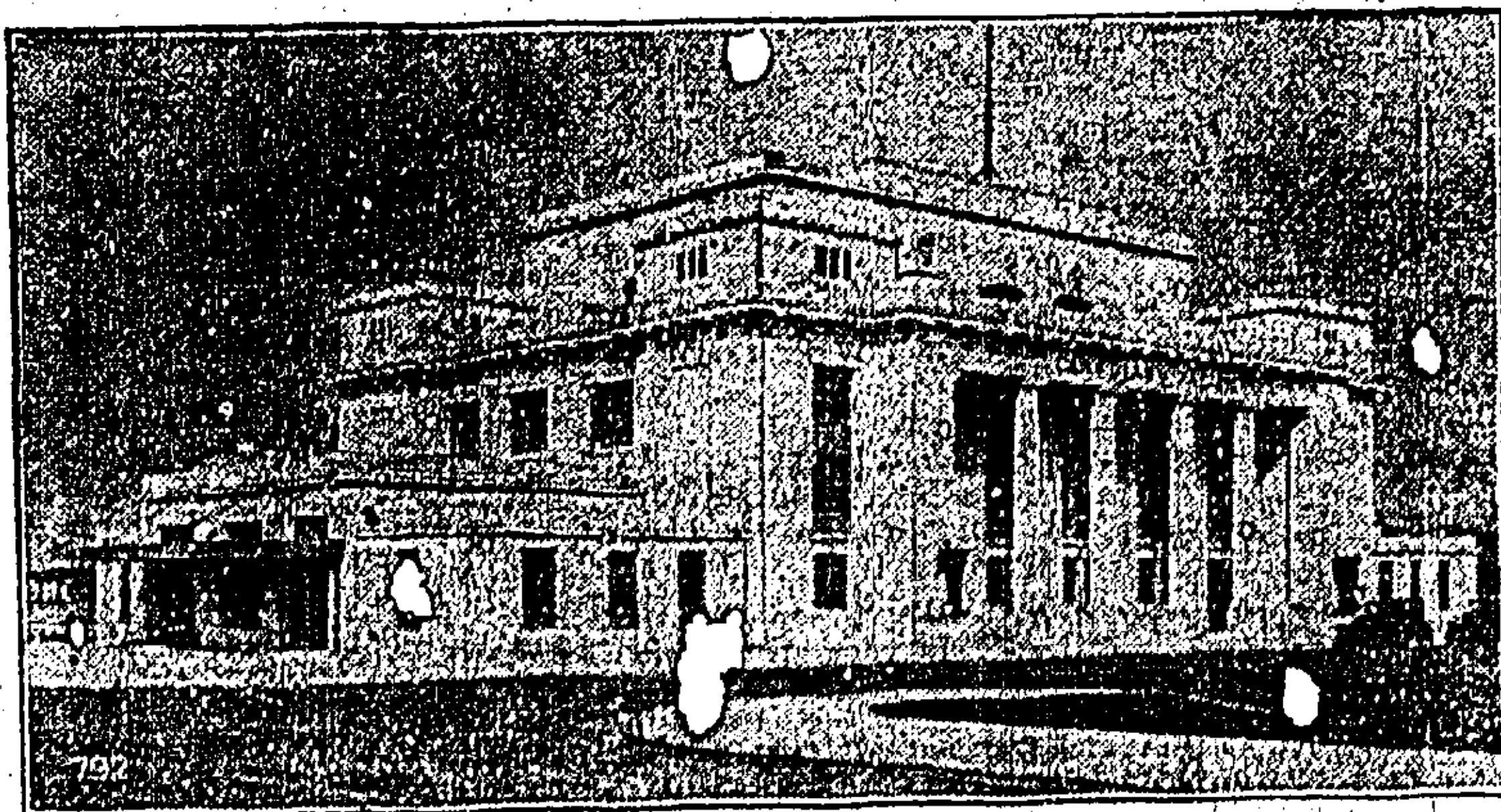
Strange powers said to be possessed by a schoolmaster of Czernowitz, in Bukovina, who is becoming famous in Austria as a medium, are now being investigated by local doctors.

When in a trance, it is said, the schoolmaster, whose name is Joseph Schmidt, can read and predict thoughts: fluently speak ancient Hebrew and Greek and Babylonian tongue, sing songs in Arabic, tell the date on which any person died, and the cause of their death. It is added that a mere touch of the hand will cause him to fall into a trance.

#### NO WINS, NO GIRLS!

The "co-eds" at Boston University informed the members of the varsity football team by letter that they would not speak to, or make dates with, any member of the team until it wins a football game. The Boston eleven now has gone through 10 consecutive defeats and the girls are tired of the continued losses. The letter also informed the players that the ultimatum would not be altered in any circumstances save a football victory.

### Montreal's Newest Station



A comprehensive view of the Canadian Pacific's new Park Avenue Station, located at the head of the thoroughfare of the same name, to serve the northern residential districts. This splendid building, completed at a cost of \$750,000, is constructed of limestone and is in combined modern and classical style. Park Avenue was opened for service November first.

## COMPLAINED WHEN SIGHT WAS RESTORED.

### Hypnotic Cure Stops Man's Income.

Somewhere in London there is a man in tinted glasses who carries a "discharged" incurable" certificate from a blind institution.

Without the glasses he can read what is written on the certificate. Nevertheless, he displays a placard bearing the plea, "Pity the poor blind."

His remarkable story was told to a West End audience by Professor Alexander Erskine, the authority on neurology and therapeutics, who was repelling, in debate, the charge that the science of hypnosis is a public menace.

#### Blind for Years.

"I stumbled over the man, and picked him up with apologies, said the professor. 'The man replied: 'It's all right gov'nor, I'm blind.'"

"I took the man upstairs and examined him," the speaker went on. "He was certainly blind, and had been for many years."

"But he reacted to hypnotic treatment, regained his sight there and then and flung his arms around me and kissed me...."

"A week later, however, he came back, complaining I had taken away his livelihood."

"His pension had been stopped," he said. He could no longer collect alms in the streets. It had even been suggested that he had been malingering in the past."

#### Professor's Offer.

"I offered to hypnotise him back to blindness—as no doubt I could have done—but his reply to that was: 'For God's sake, don't!'"

"He decided then to wear coloured glasses and to go back to his old mode of livelihood...."

### WATER RETURN.

#### All the Reservoirs on Island Below Level.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on December 1, 1931, were as under:—

City and Hill District.		1930	1931
Tytam	16' 3" B	1011' B	
Tytam Byewash	23' 8" B	23' 8" B	
Tytam Intermediate	0' 1" B	0' 1" B	
Tytam Tuk	7' 0" B	12' 3" B	
Wong Nei Chung	14' 3" B	13' 6" B	
Pokfulum	10' 9" B	13' 4" B	
Aberdeen Upper	—	9' 6" B	
Aberdeen Lower	—	18' 3" B	
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow"]			
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.			
	1930	1931	
Tytam	264.32	298.31	
Tytam Byewash	1.22	1.22	
Tytam Intermediate	195.43	195.43	
Tytam Tuk	1,250.00	1,185.75	
Wong Nei Chung	14.44	15.17	
Pokfulum	30.58	37.32	
Aberdeen Upper	—	123.04	
Aberdeen Lower	—	34.41	
Total	1,752.79	1,845.65	

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November, 1931.

	1930	1931
Consumption	293.56*	353.20*
Estimated population	443,040	381,500
Consumption per head per day	22.0	30.9
*Includes 1180 million gallons from Mainland.		
*Includes 75.63 million gallons from Mainland.		

November, 1930.—Constant Supply throughout the City, Hill & High Level districts during the whole month with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where a constant street fountain supply was operated from November 3 to 30, 1930.

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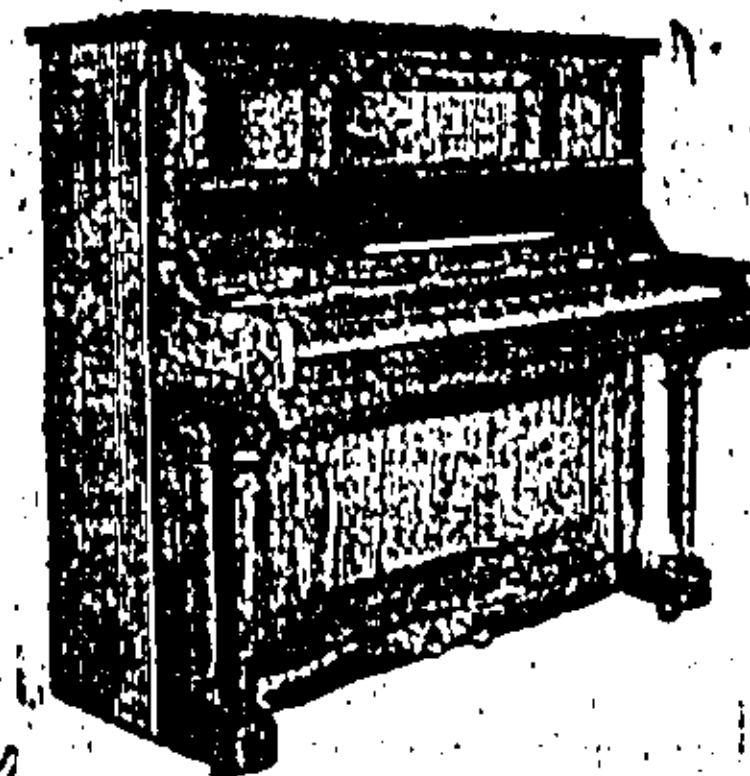
	1930	1931
Kowloon Main	353.33	352.50
Kowloon Byewash	—	104.61
Shik Lai Pui	—	—
Reservoir	113.70	110.35
Shing Mun Reception	—	—
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Main	498.60	533.21

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November, 1931.

	1930	1931
Consumption	135.31	151.54
Estimated population	177,880	293,050
Consumption per head per day	25.9	17.2

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1 qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
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Officer Kelly took the boy to his own home instead of to the detention home.

It was through Kelly's efforts and a story printed in The Ledger that Mr. Babbitt took Bill to live with him as one of his own sons.

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WITH the End of the Financial Year Approaching, Friends and Supporters of St. John's Cathedral, who have not yet done so, are asked to send their Contributions to the 'Goodwill Fund' for 1931, as soon as possible, to:—  
Messrs. THOMSON & COMPANY,  
Cathedral Accountants,  
York Building, Hong Kong.  
J. H. SUTCLIFF,  
Cathedral Treasurer,  
Hong Kong, December 28, 1931.

## CHEERO CLUB

Owing to the risk of spreading diphtheria, the

**DANCE**  
in the City Hall  
**TO-NIGHT**  
has been  
**CANCELLED.**

## GENERAL NOTICES.

### NOTICE.

All Firms, Associations, Clubs, etc., who have not yet sent in the particulars of their concerns for the 1932 issue of the Hong Kong Dollar Directory are requested to forward the necessary information to the publishers without delay.

**The HONG KONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.,**  
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### UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:—  
Elmdale, from London.  
Gallimode, from Singapore.  
Cabrals Kind, c/o Portuguese Consulate, from Macao.  
Larmour, from Crowtherne.  
Mathewson, Metzinger, Messagerie, from New York.  
McNevin, Sisters' Quarters, Government Civil Hospital, from Port Said.  
Ohja & Sons, from Liverpool.  
G. Stynes, C.M. Customs, York Building, from Hankow.  
C. C. CLARKE,  
Manager,  
Hong Kong, December 24, 1931.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—  
Wolfe, St. Francis Hotel, from Shanghai.  
Captain Hain Ping-an, care of Wollam, from Shanghai.  
Devos, Repulse Bay Hotel, from Tientsin.  
F. V. JENSEN,  
Superintendent,  
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## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Information has been received that the Air Mail Service between Shanghai and Manchouli is suspended and the acceptance of letters for this service is accordingly discontinued until further notice.

New Year cards enclosed in open envelopes addressed to Hong Kong, China and Mexico, are accepted at the special rate for printed matter, i.e., 2 cents per 2 ounces. The cards must not bear more than five written words and the envelopes must be entirely open.

### INWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Shanghai and Swatow ..... Kiangchow  
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London,  
Dec. 10) ..... Silvertank

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers,  
London, Nov. 26) ..... Malacca Maru  
Japan ..... La Plata Maru

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Manila ..... Empress of Japan  
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London,  
Dec. 10) ..... Zulderkerk

Japan ..... Nankin  
Japan and Shanghai ..... Hye Maru  
Calcutta and Straits ..... Talma

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Calcutta and Straits ..... Sui Sang  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.

Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London,  
Dec. 3 and Parcels, Nov. 26) ..... Chitral  
Japan and Shanghai ..... Rawalpindi

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle,  
Dec. 12) ..... President Taft

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.

Australia and Manila ..... Nellore  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3.

Japan and Shanghai ..... Tatsuta Maru  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4.

Manila ..... President Hoover  
Japan ..... Brisbane Maru

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5.

Japan and Shanghai ..... Sphinx  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6.

Saloon ..... Chenonceaux  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San  
Francisco, Dec. 11) ..... President Pierce

MONDAY, JANUARY 11.

Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-  
hai (Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 19) ..... Empress of Asia

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San  
Francisco, Dec. 18) ..... President Jackson

### OUTWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Holhow and Haiphong ..... Kwangtung 3.30 p.m.  
Samshui and Wuchow ..... Tai Hing 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Manila ..... Silvertank 10.30 a.m.  
Batavia ..... Tjilarang 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Hai Ning 2 p.m.  
Tourane ..... Chung Kong 5 p.m.

Straits and Calcutta ..... Tilawa  
Parcels ..... Dec. 29, 5 p.m.

Letters ..... Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Saloon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, and \*South American Ports  
Bangkok ..... La Plata Maru 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Amoy and Formosa via Swatow ..... Deli Maru 8.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and \*Europe via Vancouver, B.C. .... Empress of Japan  
(Due Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 17 and \*Europe via Siberia.)

Parcels ..... Jan. 1, 10 a.m.  
Registration ..... 11.15 a.m.

Letters ..... Noon

Amoy ..... Sui Sang 10 a.m.

Sandakan ..... Yu Sang 10 a.m.

Manila ..... President Taft 10 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles ..... Rawalpindi

Parcels ..... (Due Marseilles, Jan. 29.)

Registration ..... Jan. 1, 11 a.m.

Letters ..... Jan. 2, 9 a.m.

Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane ..... Nankin

Parcels ..... (Due Brisbane, Jan. 19.)

Registration ..... Jan. 1, 10 a.m.

Letters ..... 11.15 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Canton Maru 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Hai Yang 1 p.m.

Saloon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, and \*Europe via Marseilles ..... Sphinx

Registration ..... (Due Marseilles, Feb. 5.)

Letters ..... Jan. 5, 1 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Hatching 1 p.m.

\*Subscribed correspondence only.

## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, Dec. 28, 1931.

Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, January 26, 1932.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Open	Close	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1476	102	102	102	102	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Aug. 10, 31
Chartered Bank	102	102	102	102	102	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sep. 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	171	171	171	171	171	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sep. 8, 31
Bank of Asia	125	125	125	125	125	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Feb. 28, 31
Insurance.						
Canara Ins.	1460	1460	1460	1460	1460	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 May 19, 31
Union Ins.	490	490	490	490	490	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 May 29, 31
China Underwriters	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 May 29, 31
China Fire Ins.	050	050	050	050	050	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 May 29, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	1450	1450	1450	1450	1450	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 May 29, 31
Shipping.						
Douglas	95	95	95	95	95	Last dividend for 1931 Mar. 4, 31
H. K. Steamboat	24	24	24	24	24	Last dividend for 1931 June 10, 31
Indo-China (Pref.)	25	25	25	25	25	Last dividend for 1931 July 6, 31
Indo-China (Def.)	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	Last dividend for 1931 Mar. 21, 31
Shells Steamer	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	Last dividend for 1931 Mar. 21, 31
Union Waterboat	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	Last dividend for 1931 Mar. 21, 31
Mining.						
Benguet	102	102	102	102	102	Fourth Div. 20 cents Apr. 1, 31
Kailash Mining Ad.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Dec. 30, 31
Langkat (Single)	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.95	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 May 6, 31
Shai Exploration	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Feb. 6, 31
Loans	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Dec. 15, 31
Raubs	40	40	40	40	40	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Dec. 15, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	9	9	9	9	9	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Dec. 15, 31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & S. Hls. (old)	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 19, 31
H. K. & S. Hls. (new)	14	14	14	14	14	Last dividend for 1931 Mar. 19, 31
South Ch. Motors (A)	10	10	10	10	10	Last dividend for 1931 Mar. 19, 31
South Ch. Motors (B)	12	12	12	12	12	Last dividend for 1931 Mar. 19, 31
China Privents (old)	51	51	51	51	51	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Apr. 8, 31
China Privents (new)	240	240	240	240	240	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Oct. 3, 31
Hongkong	325	325	325	325	325	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 4, 31
N. Engineering	35	35	35	35	35	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 July 20, 31
Shanghai Docks	35	35	35	35	35	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 July 20, 31
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
H.K. & S. Hls. (old)	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Apr. 16, 31
H.K. & S. Hls. (new)	14	14	14	14	14	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Aug. 19, 31
Shanghai Land	80	80	80	80	80	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 July 30, 31
Humphreys (old)	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Feb. 24, 31
H.K. Realists	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.60	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sept. 1, 31
Chinese Estates	35	35	35	35	35	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 July 28, 31
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cotton	16.66	16.66	16.66	16.66	16.66	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 19, 31
Shanghai Cotton	82	82	82	82	82	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Dec. 31, 31
Zoony Sigs	12	12	12	12	12	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Oct. 8, 31
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	22	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Aug. 25, 31
Park Tram (new)	75	75	75	75	75	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 June 15, 31
Star Ferries	28	28	28	28	28	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Feb. 19, 31
Yamut Ferries	26	26	26	26	26	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 June 19, 31
China Light	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Dec. 15, 31
H. K. Electric	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 18, 31
Macao	28	28	28	28	28	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 18, 31
Sandakan Lights	12	12	12	12	12	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Aug. 4, 31
H.K. Tel. fully paid	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Feb. 26, 31
China Bus	17.90	17.90	17.90	17.90	17.90	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Feb. 26, 31
S'port Tactions (Ord.)	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Feb. 26, 31
S'port Tactions (Pref.)	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Feb. 26, 31
Industrial.						
Malaba Sugars	39	39	39	39	39	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 4, 31
Cald. Mfg. Ord.	14	14	14	14	14	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 27, 31
Canton Ice	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Oct. 9, 31
Cement (com.)	19.40	19.40	19.40	19.40	19.40	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 18, 31
Cement (old)	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 18, 31
Cement (new)	3	3	3	3	3	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 18, 31
H. K. Rope	18	18	18	18	18	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 27, 31
China Agriculture	10	10	10	10	10	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 27, 31
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	10	10	10	10	10	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 18, 31
Watsons	26.10	26.10	26.10	26.10	26.10	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 18, 31
Lor A Wings	1	1	1	1	1	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Mar. 18, 31
Den Crawlers (old)	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Apr. 30, 31
Den Crawlers (new)	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Apr. 30, 31
Mackintosh	19	19	19	19	19	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 June 17, 31
Sincere	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 June 17, 31
Wm. Powells	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 June 17, 31
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement	19.90	19.90	19.90	19.90	19.90	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sept. 30, 31
C. Entertainment (old)	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sept. 30, 31
C. Entertainment (new)	16	16	16	16	16	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sept. 30, 31
Sou. Ch. Enterprises	10	10	10	10	10	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sept. 30, 31
H.K. C. Enterprises (old)	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.55	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sept. 30, 31
H.K. C. Enterprises (new)	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sept. 30, 31
B. Ind. G. Bonds	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sept. 30, 31
H. K. Govt. Loans	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	Interim Div. 1931-32-33 Sept. 30, 31





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<b>SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports &amp; Honolulu.</b>	
CHICHIBU MARU	Wednesday, 18th January.
TATSUTA MARU	Wednesday, 27th January.
<b>SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai &amp; Japan Ports.</b>	
HIYE MARU	Tuesday, 19th January.
HEIAN MARU	Tuesday, 16th February.
<b>LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP &amp; ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo &amp; Suez.</b>	
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 9th January.
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 23rd January.
<b>SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE via Manila &amp; Ports.</b>	
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 23rd January.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 27th February.
<b>BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, &amp; Colombo.</b>	
TANGO MARU	Monday, 11th January.
<b>SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.</b>	
BOKUYO MARU	Sunday, 14th February.
<b>NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.</b>	
<b>LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa &amp; Marseilles.</b>	
DURBAN MARU	Friday, 16th January.
<b>CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang &amp; Rangoon.</b>	
PENANG MARU	Tuesday, 29th December.
HAKODATE MARU	Wednesday, 6th January.
<b>SHANGHAI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.</b>	
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Thursday, 31st December.
IYO MARU	Saturday, 2nd January.
TAJIMA MARU	Sunday, 3rd January.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

<b>RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS &amp; BUENOS AIRES via</b>	
La Plata Maru	Wed., 30th Dec.
<b>Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban &amp; Capetown.</b>	
Africa Maru	Tues., 6th Jan.
<b>MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH &amp; CAPE TOWN</b>	
<b>THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS &amp; BUENOS AIRES via Singapore &amp; Colombo.</b>	
Brisbane Maru	Tues., 6th Jan.
<b>BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND &amp; WELLINGTON via Manila.</b>	
Paris Maru	Fri., 8th Jan.
<b>JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Service).</b>	
Kinai Maru	Sat., 2nd Jan.
<b>NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles &amp; Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia &amp; Baltimore.</b>	
Havre Maru	Tues., 29th Dec.
Hague Maru	Sat., 2nd Jan.
<b>BOMBAY &amp; KARACHI via Singapore, Belawan, Deli &amp; Rangoon.</b>	
Hamburg Maru	Thurs., 31st Dec.
<b>CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli &amp; Rangoon.</b>	
Menado Maru	Thurs., 7th Jan.
<b>HAIPHONG via Hoihow.</b>	
Canton Maru	Sun., 3rd Jan.
<b>KEELUNG via Swatow &amp; Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).</b>	
Canada Maru	Fri., 8th Jan.
<b>JAPAN PORTS via Takao &amp; Keelung.</b>	
Deli Maru	Thurs., 31st Dec.
<b>TAKAO via Swatow &amp; Amoy (Fortnightly).</b>	

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SAILING DATES FOR DEC. 1931 (Subject to Change).  
DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
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TAI MING	WED. 30th	FRI. 1st	SAT. 2nd	SUN. 3rd

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### STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. P.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Yokohama on December 28 (Sat.) at 6 a.m., left Yokohama on December 28 (Sat.) at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on January 4 (Mon.). She leaves Vancouver for Hong Kong on January 16 (Sat.).  
The P. & O. s.s. Chitral left Singapore for this port on Decem-

ber 27 at noon with the outward Home Mails, and is due here on January 1 at about 8 a.m.  
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at Manila on December 28 (Mon.) at 7 a.m., leaves Manila on December 28 (Mon.) at 6 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 30 (Wed.) at 6 a.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Vancouver via ports on January 2 (Sat.) at 6 a.m.



### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

<b>Friday, December 25.</b>	
Atsuta Maru, Japanese str., 4,340 tons, Capt. Y. Kawashima, from Nagasaki, buoy No. A1.—N.Y.K.	
Chakung, British str., 1,470 tons, Captain J. M. C. Anish, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.	
Chipshing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. D. S. Pethick, from Weihai-wei, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.	
City of Lille, British str., 4,055 tons, Capt. C. Nelson, from Manila, Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.	
Empress of Japan, British str., 16,726 tons, Capt. S. Robinson, R.N.R., from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S.	
Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Weihai-wei, buoy No. C4.—B. & S.	
Linarra, British str., 2,014 tons, Capt. J. Robinson, from Calcutta, buoy No. B25.—Dodwell & Co.	
Pongtong, British str., 1,001 tons, Capt. R. E. Freckleton, from Saigon, buoy No. B9.—Fel Lun & Co.	
President Cleveland, American str., 3,393 tons, Capt. G. W. Yardley, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—A.M.L.	
President Hoover, American str., 12,986 tons, Capt. F. E. Anderson, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.	
Shun Chih, Chinese str., 1,183 tons, Capt. W. F. Freer, from Saigon, buoy No. B10.—Wo Fat Sing.	
Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Captain S. M. Barling, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.	
Suwa Maru, Japanese str., 6,637 tons, Captain S. Enya, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.	
Tean, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. J. Pringle, from Weihai-wei, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.	
Wing Lee, British str., 650 tons, Capt. J. E. Harvey, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.	
Wong Shek Kung, Chinese str., 1,079 tons, Capt. A. Lalpovet, from Saigon, buoy No. B17.—Hai Lee & Co.	

<b>Saturday, December 26.</b>	
Chenan, British str., 1,855 tons, Captain R. Turnbull, from Canton, buoy No. B18.—B. & S.	
Chung Koh, Chinese str., 447 tons, Capt. Kwok Sai Lo, from Tourane, buoy No. B18.—Yau Lee & Co.	
Craoia, Italian str., 4,566 tons, Capt. Camelli, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dodwell & Co.	
Halds, British str., 1,144 tons, Capt. W. Lee, from Taingtao, buoy No. C2.—Wo Fat Sing.	
Kentucky, American str., 3,348 tons, Capt. O. Svehang, from Shanghai, buoy No. A7.—States S.S. Co.	
Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. J. H. Hodgkins, from Swatow, buoy No. B19.—B. & S.	

### CLEARANCES.

<b>Friday, December 25.</b>	
Albert Sarraut, for Port Wallut.	
Atsuta Maru, for Manila.	
Borneo, for Hoihow.	
Bintang, for Bangkok.	
City of Lille, for Shanghai.	
Corona, for Canton.	
Hangsang, for Canton.	
Laganbank, for Shanghai.	
Linarra, for Whampoa.	
Saint Dunstan, for Whampoa.	
Semali, for Singapore.	
Tean, for Canton.	

Saturday, December 26.

Chipshing, for Canton.	
Chenan, for Amoy.	
Empress of Japan, for Manila.	
Haiding, for Swatow.	
Kasagisan Maru, for Fushiki.	
Kwangtung, for Canton.	
Pres. Cleveland, for Shanghai.	
Pres. Hoover, for Manila.	
Sokudai, for Canton.	
Soochow, for Canton.	
Suwa Maru, for Singapore.	

### HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (\*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

December 25 to 31, 1931.

Date	High Water	Low Water
	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.
	Times.	Times.
Fri. 25	20 40 7.9 13 47 3.6	11 03 4.5 04 00 0.7
Sat. 26	21 15 8.3 14 21 3.7	11 45 4.5 04 43 0.5
Sun. 27	22 29 8.8 15 35 3.8	12 29 4.6 05 28 0.4
Mon. 28	23 15 8.1 16 15 4.0	13 10 4.6 06 11 0.4
Tues. 29	23 50 8.7 17 00 4.0	13 50 4.8 07 00 4.0
Wed. 30	24 29 9.0 17 59 4.1	14 29 4.8 08 00 4.1
Thurs. 31	25 05 9.3 18 25 4.1	15 05 4.9 08 25 4.1

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—  
Bruce—South wall.  
Cornflower—West wall.  
Cornwall—No. 8 buoy.  
Cumberland—No. 3 buoy.  
Herald—East wall.  
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.  
Kent—North arm.  
Marazion—Cosmopolitan dock.  
Medway and Sub.—No. 2 buoy.  
Olympus—East wall.  
Orpheus—In dock.  
Oswald—In dock.  
Persous—East wall.  
Phoenix—In dock.  
Seamew—In dock.  
Scoraph—North wall.  
Serapis—North wall.  
Suffolk—West wall.  
Sterling—North wall.  
Tamar—Basin.  
Foreign Man-of-War.  
Argus—French Gunboat.  
Gli Eanes—Portuguese transport.  
Mindanao—American Gunboat.  
Macelish—American destroyer.

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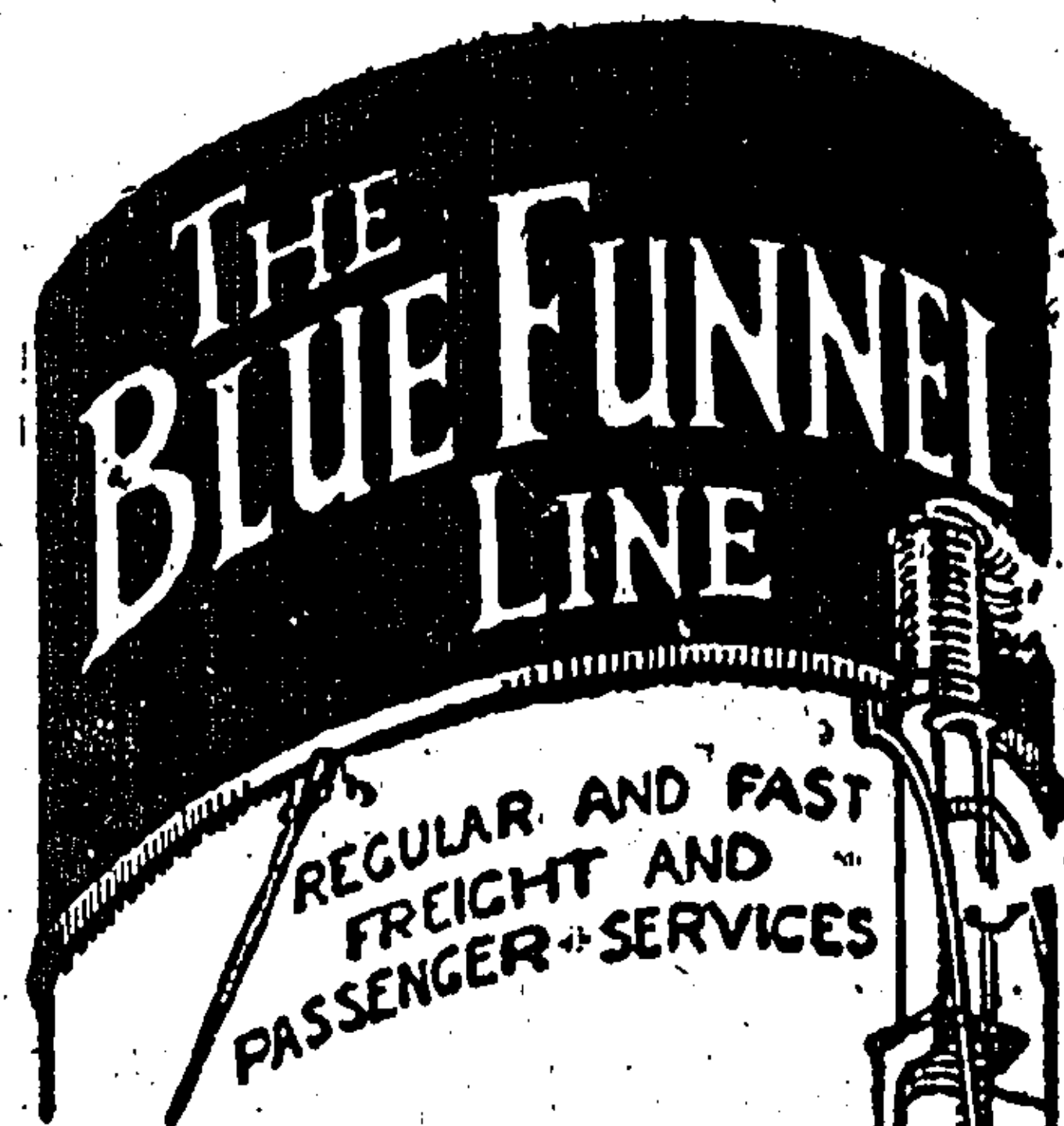
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*KARMA	9,000	10th Jan.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'warp.
CHITRAL	15,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,000	18th Feb.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'warp.
NALDERA	10,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	25th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,500	2nd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	10,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KASAB-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANUVA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	27th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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TILAWA	10,000	30th Dec.	1931
		10.30 a.m.	
SANTHA	8,000	10th Jan.	1932
TALMA	10,000	22nd Jan.	
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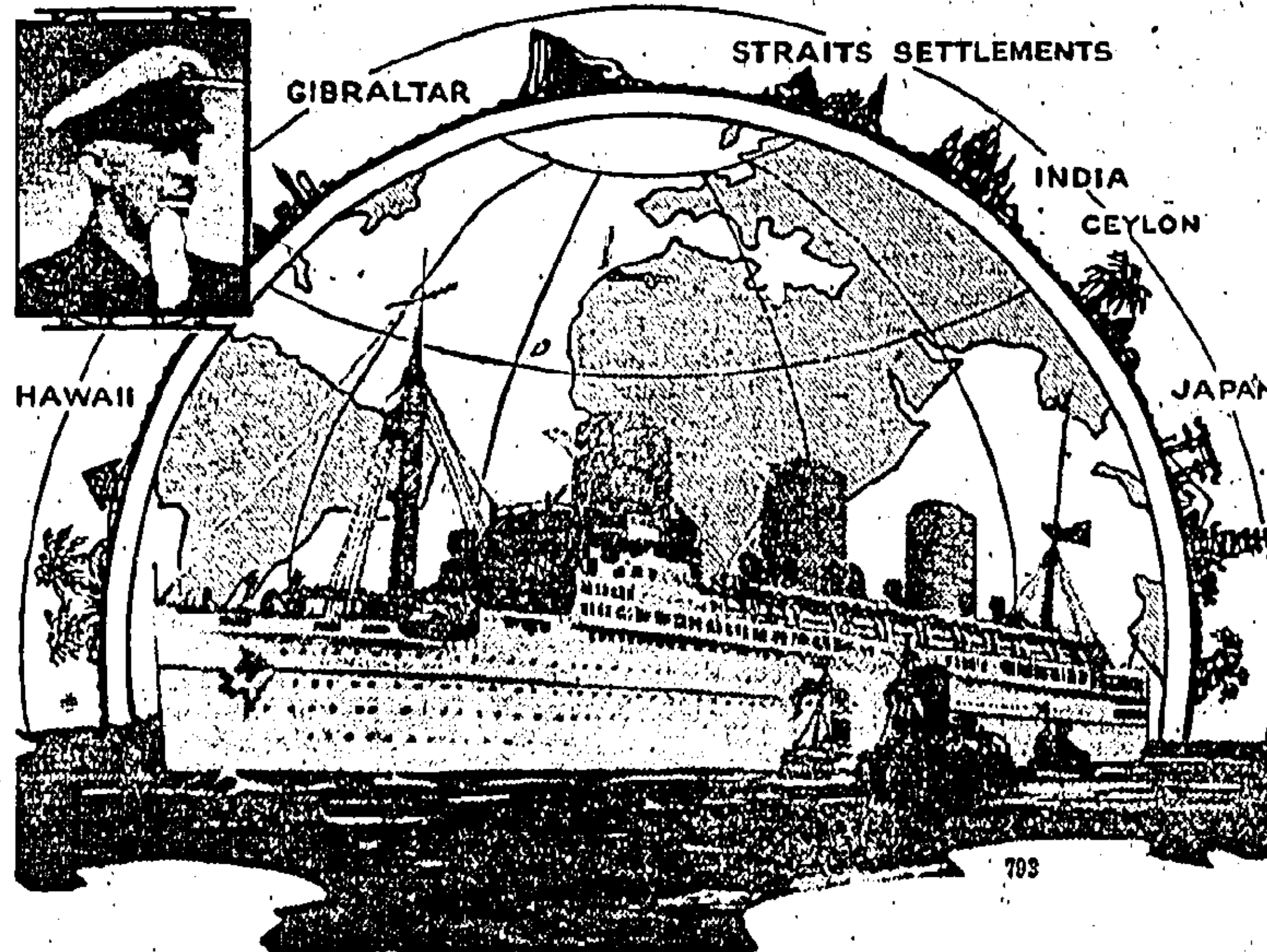
CHITRAL	15,000	1st Jan.	1932
TALMA	10,000	1st Jan.	
*NELLORE	7,000	4th Jan.	
*KALYAN	9,000	10th Jan.	
TALAMBA	8,000	15th Jan.	
KASHMIR	9,000	18th Jan.	
*SOUDAN	6,800	29th Jan.	
NALDERA	10,000	29th Jan.	
TANDA	7,000	5th Feb.	
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Feb.	
*BURDWAN	6,500	21st Feb.	
RAJPUTANA	17,000	28th Feb.	
CORFU	15,000	11th Mar.	
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.	
*SOMALI	6,800	5th Apr.	
RANPURA	17,000	7th Apr.	
CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.	
*BANGALORE	6,500	28th Apr.	
RANCHI	17,000	5th May	
NALDERA	10,000	19th May	
KASAB-I-HIND	12,000	2nd June	
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12 hours, 30 minutes, thus breaking the previous  
continent to continent record by four hours and 38  
minutes, the Empress of Britain did not rest on her  
laurels, and since that date has broken her own  
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the season she crossed in seven hours and 49 minutes  
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Starting December 3rd, from New York, the  
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## SUEZ CANAL DUES.

### Liverpool Comments on Reduction.

The Liverpool Steamship Owners'  
Association has issued the following  
statement:—

The Liverpool Steamship Owners'  
Association had under discussion at  
its general meeting the re-  
duction by the Suez Canal Com-  
pany of its rate of dues for  
vessels carrying cargo from 6f.  
55c. gold to 6f. gold per ton, a re-  
duction of 55 centimes gold, with a  
reduction of 32½ centimes in the  
rate for vessels in ballast. The as-  
sociation is naturally pleased at this  
successful outcome of campaign for  
a reduction in the dues which the  
association initiated at the begin-  
ning of this year, and which, with  
the assistance of all the leading  
trade organizations both of em-  
ployers and employees, it has con-  
tinued to press throughout the year.  
It is unfortunately true that  
owing to the depreciation in the  
value of the pound sterling, the cost  
of transit through the canal to the  
British cargo vessel had automati-  
cally increased by upwards of 25 per

cent, owing to the fact that the  
British shipowner had to pay more  
for the gold franc in which the dues  
are payable, and the increase so  
brought about will not by any  
means be offset by the present re-  
duction. Nevertheless, the asso-  
ciation appreciates that from the  
Suez Canal Company's point of view  
the reduction is a substantial one,  
and it recognizes that in the action  
it has now taken that Suez Canal  
Company has fairly met the claims  
put forward by its British and other  
customers.

It has for some time been clear  
to the association that the existing  
level of dues was by its height in  
part responsible for the falling off  
in the Suez Canal Company's trade  
and earnings. The present re-  
duction, by acting as a stimulus to  
trade, should therefore benefit not  
only trade and shipping as the pay-  
ers of the dues, but also the Suez  
Canal Company.

### Ships Laid Up.

Our Liverpool Correspondent tele-  
graphs:—

In Liverpool shipping circles the  
feeling appears to be that while any  
reduction is welcome, its beneficial  
effect will now be discounted to a  
considerable extent by the falling  
off in the gold value of the pound,  
by the losses already incurred, and  
by the fact that many firms have  
diverted their vessels to the Cape  
route in order to escape the dues.  
It is also said that the heavy dues  
have put a number of vessels out of  
commission.

Mr. L. H. Cripps, of Alfred Holt  
and Co. (the Blue Funnel Line),  
said that a boat once laid up would  
not be again put into commission  
until it was absolutely necessary.  
In disregarding the warnings of the  
Liverpool Steamship Owners' Asso-  
ciation the Suez Canal Company had  
forced owners to lay up their ships  
instead of helping them to keep  
them running by a timely reduction  
of dues. The Government, instead  
of helping the owners, deliberately  
opposed them in their hour of need.  
Whether it was a case of shutting  
the stable door after the horse had  
been stolen, remained to be seen.  
The 10 per cent. reduction itself  
was considerable, as it cost between  
£1,000 and £3,000 for even the  
smallest ship to pass through the  
canal, and it affected British trade  
in the East, in which Liverpool had  
big interests.

The Times Shipping Correspond-  
ent writes:—  
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been hoping that the Board of the

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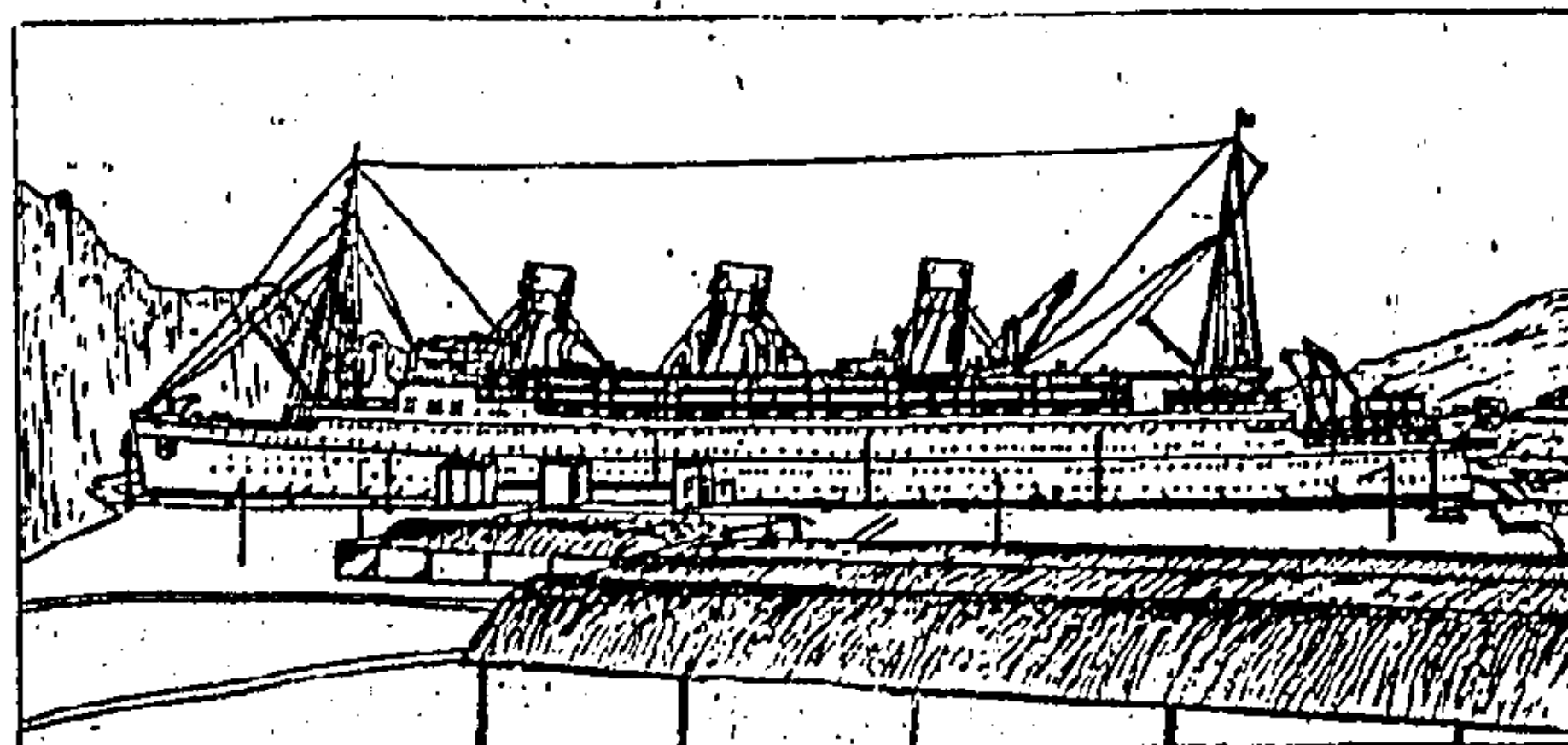
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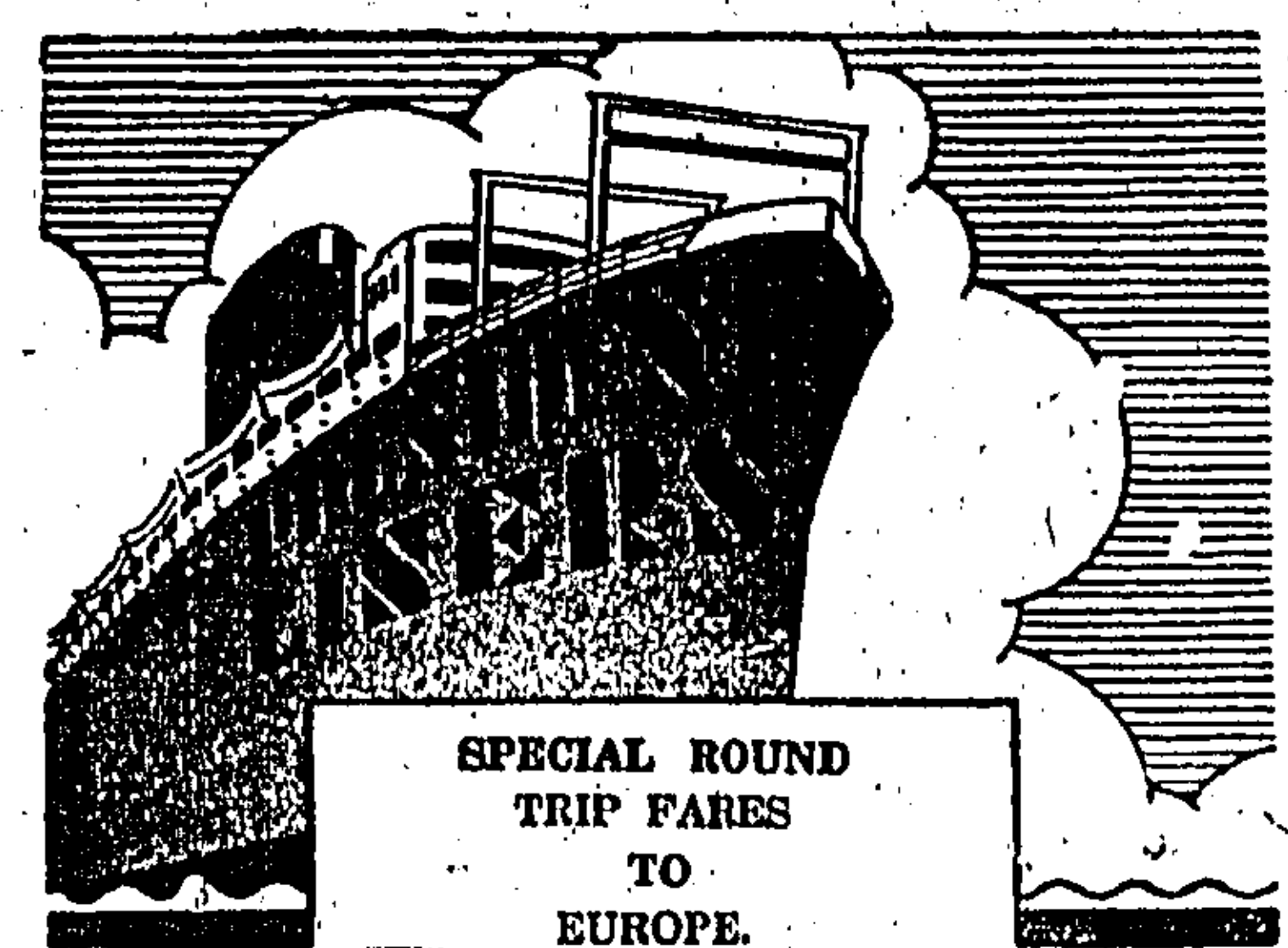
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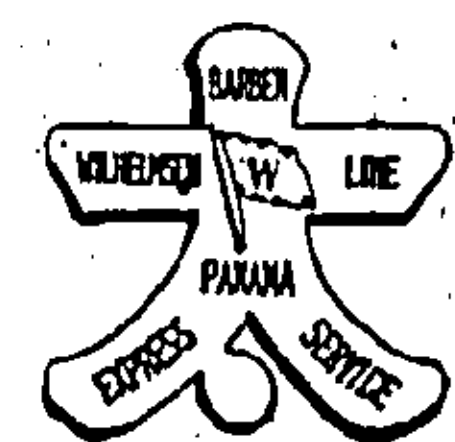
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Suez Canal Company would agree to  
a reduction of the transit dues at  
the monthly meeting and the  
news was received with re-  
lief. In the state of ship-  
ping which has existed this year  
exacting economies have had to  
be effected in order to minimize losses  
on working. Vessels proceeding  
through the Suez Canal to Australia  
have been carrying little cargo, and  
a number of ships which have had to  
be dispatched to the Commonwealth  
in ballast have been directed by the  
long sea route way of Capetown.  
The cost of the canal dues, which  
has always been serious for ships  
with poor passenger lists and small  
cargoes, became particularly heavy  
for British shipping, which is by far  
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## NEW LANDING FIELD.

Manila.  
A report from Baguio states  
that this morning Acting Gov-  
ernor-General George C. Butte  
shovelled the first dirt starting the  
improvement of the Lonkan land-  
ing field. This is the first impor-  
tant step toward giving Baguio air  
transportation to Manila.

Major-General John L. Hines,  
Commanding-General of the Philip-  
pine Department, took part in the  
ceremony.  
General Hines is an enthu-  
siastic believer in the future of com-  
mercial aviation in the Islands and  
it was he who ordered the  
aerial survey of the southern air-  
plane route to Mindanao several  
months ago.

Army Air Corps officers attend-  
ed the ceremony, and all residents  
of Baguio interested in flying were  
present. Army officers at Camp  
John Hay, together with the 45th  
Infantry Band, joined in the cere-  
mony.

## ANIMALS IN AIR

Lions, Bears, Dogs,  
and Poultry.

London, November 24.  
The carriage of dogs, poultry, and  
other livestock by air is so much on  
the increase that a department has  
just been established by Imperial  
Airways to deal with this growing  
form of aerial traffic.

The existence of a special depart-  
ment ensures not only that animals  
make their journeys in a minimum  
of time, but also that they receive  
individual care, being fed and at-  
tended to, as required, while in  
transit between London and any  
destination on the continent.

When valuable animals are sent  
from this country to appear in  
Shows on the continent, it is essen-  
tial not only that transit time should  
be cut down to a minimum, but also  
that vibration and jarring should,  
so far as possible, be avoided. In  
this respect the airway is unrivalled.  
Not only is an air journey smooth  
and free from those transhipment  
from train to boat, and back again  
to train, which are otherwise un-  
avoidable, but the animals travel in  
a lined compartment, well protected  
from draughts or damp.

Among recent consignments of  
livestock by Imperial Airways have  
been:

Dogs  
Cats  
Mice  
Day-old Chicks  
Pigeons  
Game birds  
Fish in tanks  
Monkeys  
Boes  
Turkeys  
Insects  
Small Bears.  
Lion cubs  
Rare Zoo specimens  
Consignment of days-old chicks  
are often placed in an early morning  
plane at Croydon, reaching in  
not more than a day's flying destina-  
tions far-distant across the con-  
tinent. Recently, as many as 2,000  
chicks, in a single consignment,  
were flown from this country to  
Romania.

When a big good-carrying ma-  
chine alighted at the London air-  
port, not long ago, it was discovered  
that its freight compartment had  
been transformed, temporarily, into  
a flying menagerie, containing par-  
rots, monkeys, and a bear, together  
with a number of tropical fish in  
tanks. On another occasion the  
occupants of a cargo-plane were a  
number of live alligators, travelling  
in special crates, while not long ago  
the officials were called upon to  
install in a freight machine a den  
in which a fully-grown lion, accom-  
panied by its trainer, was air-borne  
from the continent to London to  
take part in a circus. On yet an-  
other occasion a big cargo-carrying  
craft had its hull fitted up so that  
a valuable horse might be air-borne  
from abroad.

## MUSCOLINI'S BROTHER DIES.

Milan, Dec. 21.  
Arnaldo Mussolini, younger  
brother of the Italian Premier,  
died suddenly to-day of a heart at-  
tack while in his automobile.  
The Dictator's brother was Editor  
of Popolo d'Italia, the news-  
paper which the former founded at  
the outbreak of the War when  
Benito Mussolini broke the Social-  
ist party over the question of Ita-  
lian intervention. Associated  
Press.

## ALEKO LILIUS.

Action Against Railway  
Company.

## UNFULFILLED CONTRACTS.

Manila.  
Aleko Lilius, local correspon-  
dent of American and European  
magazines and newspapers (who  
is well known in Hong Kong) fail-  
ed to fulfil about 40 contracts he  
had with those publishers to  
write articles and stories for them  
because of the injuries he sustain-  
ed and the effects of the railroad  
accident near Dayap, Laguna, on  
May 10, last, according to testi-  
mony he gave in Court here.

The hearing of the P50,000  
damage suit instituted by Lilius,  
in his own behalf and in behalf  
of his wife and daughter, against  
the Manila Railroad Company,  
was resumed in the court of Judge  
Mariano Albert.

A Moving Picture?  
Lilius testified that on account  
of the accident, he was not able  
to accept an offer made to him by  
an American moving picture pro-  
ducer to write scenario stories  
with compensation at \$250 a week.  
To confirm this testimony, he pre-  
sented in Court a radiogram he  
received from a director of a pic-  
ture firm.

The witness likewise brought  
out in Court that he had to pay  
P12,000 in hospital, doctor and  
nurse bills during the time that  
he and his family were nursing in-  
juries sustained in the railroad  
accident near Dayap, Laguna.

At the close of the hearing,  
S. W. O'Brien, counsel for Lilius,  
completed his direct examination.  
The hearing of the case will be  
continued on January 4, 6 and 8,  
according to an order of Judge  
Albert.

On January 4, Lilius will be  
cross-examined by Judge Jose  
Abreu, counsel for the Manila  
Railroad Company.

## WILD RUMOURS.

Confuse Tokyo Stock  
Exchange.

Tokyo, December 22.  
The Tokyo Stock Exchange was  
wildly confused to-day by inexplic-  
able rumours that the United States  
was abandoning the gold standard.  
Leading shares swung back and  
forth over a wide margin.

The Stock Exchange, which nor-  
mally closes at 4 p.m., remained  
open until after 6 p.m. Police were  
investigating the source of the  
strange rumours. As an example  
of the trend, Kanegafuchi Spinnings  
opened at 100, swung to a low  
figure of 140 and closed at 150.

The rumours caused almost as  
much excitement as the abandon-  
ment of the gold standard for the  
yen.—United Press.

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

No Increase in Strength  
in 1932.

An official of the War Office has  
stated that the War Office intends  
to limit the strength of the Ter-  
ritorial Army in 1932 to what it  
was in 1931.

The establishment figure is  
169,407 officers and other ranks,  
but in the 1931 Estimates the  
maximum strength provided for  
was 6,800 and 128,500 respectively.  
This maximum number is not to be  
exceeded in 1932.

In some individual units, parti-  
cularly in the North of England,  
the strength and establishment  
figures are practically the same,  
but other units—some of the Lon-  
don regiments, for instance—are  
considerably short of establish-  
ment. These units will not be al-  
lowed, however, to recruit beyond  
approximately their strength of  
last year.

A letter is to be issued shortly by  
the War Office to the Territorial  
Army Associations, which it is  
hoped will clear away any doubts  
about the position.

## A THOROUGH SUICIDE.

A workman of Marlborough has com-  
mitted suicide in a terribly  
thorough fashion.

He climbed a tree, placed a rope  
round his neck and fastened the  
other end to a branch, then hit him-  
self a smashing blow on the head  
with an axe.

With his skull split, he fell  
senseless from the top of the tree  
and his body was found hanging  
by the rope.

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" Corned	牛尾	"	80	23	11
" Roast	牛尾	"	83	24	12
" Breast	牛尾	"	80	20	18
" Soup	牛尾	"	27	20	18
" Steak	牛尾	"	33	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛尾	"	45	30	35
" Sausages	牛尾	"	55	28	30
Bafock's Brains	牛尾	per set	17	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛尾	each	75	50	60
" Tongue, corned	牛尾	"	60	—	—
" Head	牛尾	"	\$1.20	—	\$1.20
" Head	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14
" Head	牛尾	"	20	18	—
" Head, Salt	牛尾	each	12	10	12
" Feet	牛尾	"	15	10	12
" Kidneys	牛尾	"	27	20	22
" Liver	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛尾	"	8	6	7

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Capons, Small	雞	"	58	28	30
Capons, Large	雞	"	64	28	30
Duck	鴨	each	45	22	21
Doves	鳩	each	30	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞	per doz.	38	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞	"	40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	72	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	56	35	24
Geese	鴨	each	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	50	30	—
" Holbow	鴿	"	40	20	—
Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	61	45	—
Snipe	鴨	each	30	—	—
Pheasant	鴨	pair	3.00	—	—
Quail	鴨	each	32	—	—
Partridges	鴨	"	1.10	—	—

## Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	24	28	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉	"	8	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	12	—	—
Cocanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	25	30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	16	8	—
Lichens, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會橙	"	18	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	12	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	38	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Perseimons, Large	紅柿	"	12	—	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	5	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	18	12	6
Walnuts	核桃	lb.	80	—	16
Grapes	番提子	"	65	—	—

## Vegetables, &amp;c.

Artichokes	菊 苣	each	12	—	3
Béans, Sprout	豆 苗	lb.	6	—	7
" Long	豆 苗	"	—	—	8
Bitter Root	紅 青	"	14	—	—
Bitter Squash	紅 青	"	8	24	—
Bristles, Green	青 瓜	"	8	5	3
" Red	紅 瓜	"	8	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	紅 芥	"	10	—	—
(Shanghai)	紅 芥	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔗 苗	"	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大 花 椰 菜	each	40	—	—
(Medium)	中 花 椰 菜	"	35	—	—
" (Small)	小 花 椰 菜	"	25	6	6
Carrots	金 蘭 菜	lb.	8	5	—
Celery, Chinese	奧 菜	"	16	10	—
Chilies, Dried	干 辣 椒	"	18	25	—
" Red	紅 青	"	14	10	10
" Green	綠 花	"	8	8	15
Curry Stuff, English	英 國 料	"	16	8	—
Cucumbers	青 瓜	"	10	2	—
Garlic	白 蘭 菜	"	8	6	—
Ginger, Young	嫩 薑	"	10	7	—
" Old	老 薑	"	8	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	菜 根	"	60	8	—
Indian Corn	粟 米	"	—	45	—
Lettuce	生 菜	"	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	荸 薺	"	12	—	—
Mandarin	桔 林 馬 蹄	"	14	—	—
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮 蘑	"	—	—	—
Okroes	鮮 豆	"	—	1	1
Onions, Bombay	洋 蔥	"	10	8	—
" Green	生 蔥	"	6	6	—
" Shanghai	上 海 蔥	"	8	6	—
Paraley	芹 菜	"	30	60	—
Potato, Sweet	甘 薯	"	5	8	—
" Japanese	日 本 薯	"	10	3	—
" American	美 國 薯	"	10	3	—
Pumpkin	冬 瓜	"	5	4	—
Radish	紅 蘿 蔔	"	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大 紅 菜	"	—	—	—
Stalks	大 千 金	"	8	—	—
Spinach	菠 菜	"	8	8	—
Tomatoes	番 茄	"	12	4	—
Taro	芋 頭	"	6	7	—
Turnip, Food (Long)	長 腳 菜	"	6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	西 律	"	10	4	—
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FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY  
at 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20 p.m.

TOPPING ALL HITS FOR LAUGHS  
AND ROARING ROMANCE!

FRESH  
FUNNY  
FARCE



Stanley Smith  
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## "QUEEN HIGH"

A Paramount Picture

Business and boudoirs won't mix  
—see why? And laugh! The  
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SCHWAB & MANDEL  
Production.

SPECIAL ADDED MUSICAL ATTRACTION!  
DICK LEUTERIO & HIS CAPITOLIANS  
(A Paramount Picture Orchestra in Hollywood)

Play another New Music Programme.

1. FOUR WHEELS BREAK.
2. SWAMP GHOST (LATEST HIT FROM BROADWAY).
3. I'M ALONE BECAUSE I LOVE YOU (INCIDENTAL SINGING).
4. NOW YOU ARE IN MY ARMS.
5. ME.

PRICES AS USUAL! BOOK EARLY!  
Note: Music programme completely changes with the  
change of picture.

COMMENCING TO-MORROW



You'll live every rapturous  
moment of this radiant  
romance!

A Murnau-Flaherty  
Production.  
Directed by  
F. W. Murnau.

The first real romance of  
the South Seas—Portrayed  
by an ALL-NATIVE cast!

## JUDGE AND CONVICT THE BEST OF FRIENDS.

But Death Parts  
Them.

"I WANT TO THANK HIM."

An Old Bailey judge's wreath was on the coffin of an old convict, a man who spent 34 years of his life in gaol for thefts which totalled £14—when he was laid to rest in Kensal Green Cemetery.

Judge and convict met for the first time in the Recorder's Court of the Old Bailey, where Sir Ernest Wild, after listening to the heart-rending drama of a man who never had a chance to go straight held out a helping hand to the grey-haired old man of 70 in the dock.

The old convict walked out of the dock to freedom, and a job—a humble job of selling newspapers on a pitch outside a London tube station. He pledged his word to go straight... and he did. He never turned the corner after that day, and he might have been on his pitch still, earning an honest though meagre living but he developed cancer and died in a London hospital.

Sir Ernest Wild used to sit by the bedside of the man he had saved. It was wonderful to see them together, judge and convict talking about the cathedral city which both knew in their school days. And every time the Old Bailey judge went to see the old convict he brought a bunch of flowers to perfume his sick-room.

Every nosegay which the City Fathers placed on Sir Ernest Wild's table in court went to the old convict with a kindly message from the judge who was his friend.

The old convict's last thoughts were of the judge, and he breathed his name in his death agony, "a message to Sir Ernest Wild," he whispered "I want to thank him before I go." But it was too late, and he passed away without uttering his thanks.

### FREE PRESENTS FOR FRIENDS.

Judge Zung in First District Court, Shanghai, on December 14 sent Zee Pau-ning to jail for a term of four months when the latter was convicted on a charge of attempting to steal \$1,729 worth of books from the Chinese American Publishing Company, 115 the China Press.

Detective Sergeant Bolshenko said that from investigations made he found that accused who was employed by complainants, was first suspected when he was found sleeping inside the store by a boy who was cleaning up the rooms.

The boy reported this to Mr. Montine who searched the desk of accused and found a number of books. He also found that the accused had transferred a great number of books upstairs where he could remove them from the premises at his leisure.

Zee admitted the allegations, pleading that he wanted to give the books away to his friends at Christmas.

### FACE MONEY.

As much as \$1,300 a year has been found to be the expenditure of many London women in beauty parlours to keep their faces and figures attractive.

## NEWS TABLOIDS AND OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

Japan's notification regarding Chinchow is interpreted in America as a frank confirmation that she intends completing the conquest of Manchuria.

If the wholesale importation of cheap tea is allowed to continue, many Empire tea companies will be ruined is emphasised by a Mincing Lane firm of rubber and tea share brokers.

As the result of a fire 1,100 men are idle in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Forgan, Vice-Chairman of the National Bank of the Republic, has died in Evanston, Illinois.

U.S. naval and air forces are to engage in manoeuvres off Hawaii from February 6 to 11.

Nineteen Cardinals attended Papal Mass in St. Peter's, Vatican City, yesterday.

The little god, Eros, has been unveiled in its old position in Piccadilly Circus, London.

Christmastide brought 200 deaths in the United States, 130 of which were the results of car smashings, and nine due to poison liquor.

Accidents and assaults in South Africa resulted in 26 lives being lost.

A young man belonging to one of the best families in Belgrade shot his father and mother dead, seriously wounded a brother, and then committed suicide.

In what is believed to have been a revolt against the Chilean Government, 12 Communists were killed at Santiago.

Zeebrugge Customs officials were concerned in a thrilling capture of a rum-running "mystery" yacht during Christmas.

So far 138 Red Shirts have been arrested in the five frontier districts of India.

### PALESTINE CENSUS.

Jerusalem, Dec. 8.

According to the complete returns of the recent census published to-day the population of Palestine has just passed the million mark, which represents an increase of 35 per cent. since the last census in 1922. Of the total of 1,019,000 inhabitants of the mandated territory approximately 175,000 are Jews.—Transocean Kuomin.

### SKIM MILK EXTINGUISHES FIRE.

Two truckloads of skim milk were pressed into requisition on December 1 by firemen at Brentford, Ont., who were endeavouring to extinguish a fire threatening the total destruction of farm buildings, the water supply had given out and the milk finally quenched the flames.

## FISH WITH A HEAD- LIGHT.

Liner's "Catch" for  
London Zoo.

GREEN EYED PRAWNS.

Ocellated fish with eyes that shine in the darkness like motor headlights were among a consignment for the Zoo Aquarium which arrived at Southampton in the Union Castle liner Winchester Castle.

They were in a big sea water tank, which also contained:

Prawns that emit a fascinating green light from their eyes in the dark;

Sea urchins with poison-tipped spikes on their spines;

Representatives of the octopus family, and

Many varieties of brightly-hued fish.

The Zoo official spent an hour fishing them out with a net before they were transported to London.

The ocellated fish was perhaps the most spectacular inhabitant of the tank. It is brownish red, with rings of a farthing all over it. As its life is spent in almost perpetual darkness, nature has provided it with a means of emitting its own light.

"This specimen," added the Zoo official, "will be a welcome arrival at the aquarium, as we have none there at present."

### TEARS FAIL TO IMPRESS A JUDGE.

Protestations of deep religious convictions and regrets failed to save weeping George H. Warner, 36, from paying the penalty for worthless cheques.

City Detective H. E. Warren of the police had cheque detail said Warner was arrested after trying to pass a worthless \$5 cheque on a downtown store and had issued several other worthless cheques. Warner was charged with petty larceny.

Warner took the stand and wept as he told his story. He said he was helping take care of the widow of a former assistant pastor to a prominent Seattle minister and had brought her north from Los Angeles when they were unable to get work there. They ran out of money in Seattle and Warner said he finally resorted to worthless cheques, "but the widow did not know of it."

"She has faith," Warner sobbed. "She thought we could live on prayer but I didn't see it that way. If you haven't got the groceries you can't live, that's my idea."

"I've never been in any real trouble before. I was arrested once in Los Angeles, yes, and fined \$7 for walking across a street against a traffic light, but that's the only time I ever broke a law."

"But as God is my judge, I didn't realize what I was doing when I used those cheques. I knew something was wrong while I was doing it, but it was too late then," Warner faltered on. "I guess a man can't be religious and be a hypocrite, and I've been a hypocrite—no honour to me, you might say."

Judge Magill agreed and gave him 90 days in the county jail, subject to suspension.

## AMUSEMENTS

AT THE  
**QUEEN'S** SHOWING TO-DAY  
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

## RICHARD Barthelmess



There's ten  
chances to one  
you won't  
come back. If  
you should  
lose... he's a  
good loser.

## The DAWN PATROL

with  
Neil Hamilton  
Doug. Fairbanks, Jr.

700 Airplanes, 46 of  
The World's Greatest  
Stunt Flyers. Untold  
Thrills.

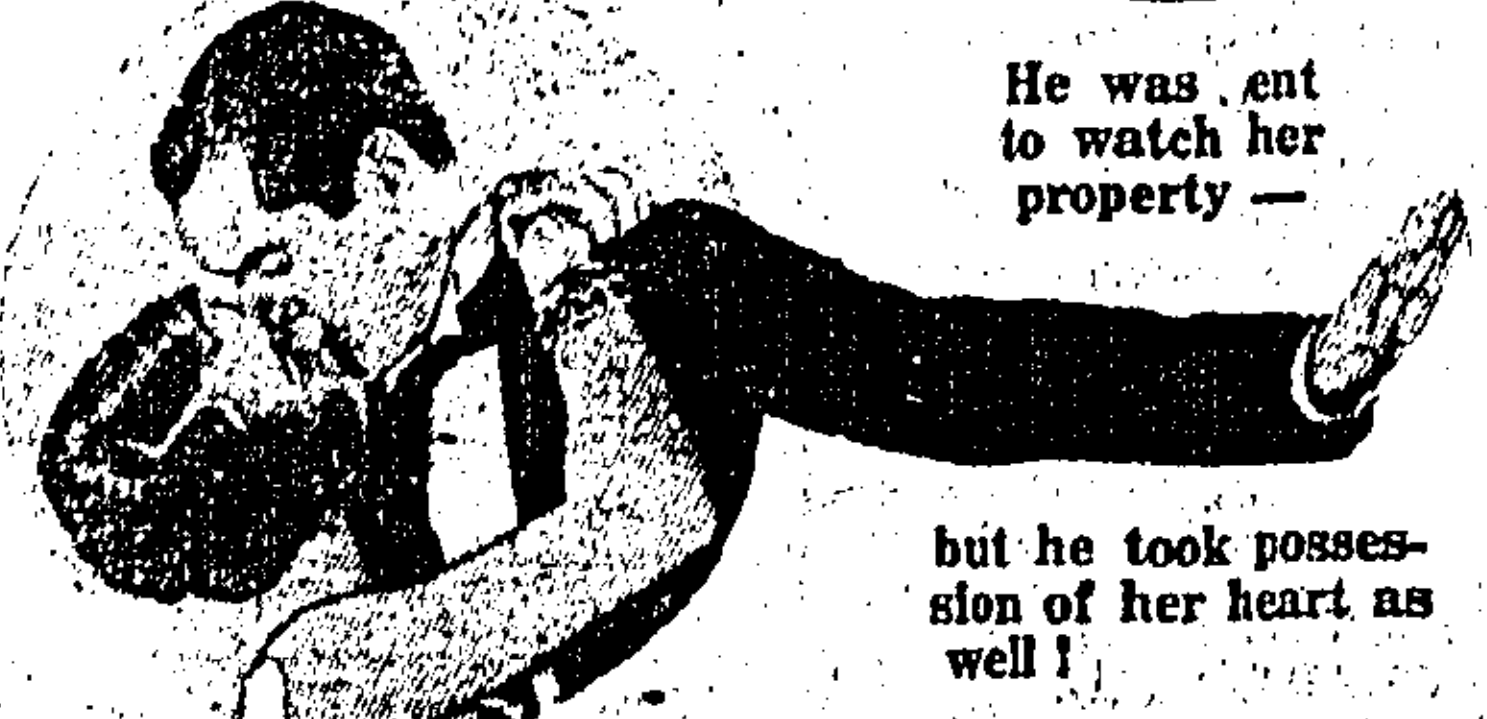
From the story "The  
Flight Commander" by  
John Monk Saunders.  
Directed by Howard  
Hawks.

NEXT ATTRACTION

Another hit  
from the  
Screen's  
Newest Star!



He was sent  
to watch her  
property —



but he took possession  
of her heart as  
well!

## MONTGOMERY

## The Man in Possession

with  
CHARLOTTE  
GREENWOOD  
IRENE PURCELL  
C. AUBREY SMITH.

A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture

AT THE **STAR** TO-DAY TO WEDNESDAY  
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The Screen's Sweethearts!



## HIGH SOCIETY BLUES

CHARLES FARRELL

JANET GAYNOR



Don't let a Cough  
Torture you—take

## 'RESIVAL'



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